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El Cerrito parking fines going up by \$5

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — People who receive parking tickets here will see the fine increase by \$5, the second hike in as many years.

The City Council unanimously approved the increase, which was proposed by El Cerrito Police Chief Scott Kirkland and will go toward salaries and benefits of current parking enforcement officers, additional manpower to give out parking violations and new processing fees.

The increase will go into effect Aug. 1 and bring the cost for most parking violations to between \$35 and \$48.

Residents can be fined for a number of parking violations, ranging from not having the proper placards when parking in handicapped space, to parking in the wrong side of the street or staying too long at a four-hour zone.

Last June the council approved an increase of \$10 for parking violations, the first increase in eight years, according to Kirkland. The higher fine was intended to pay for imposed fees and deductions from the state's Office of Revenue Collection.

The bulk of the latest rise will be used to pay for an increase in hours for one parking enforcement officer, bringing that person from a part-time to a full-time position. The cost for the increase is estimated to cost \$700, at a cost of \$3 per citation.

An additional \$1.30 of each citation will be used to pay for increased salaries and benefits for two parking enforcement officers: one full- and one part-time.

The remaining 70 cents will be used to pay for various, newly-discovered fees imposed by the revenue office.

Kirkland said he learned of the fees this year while working out the math on a spreadsheet.

"It didn't dawn on me until I was working on the spreadsheet and I noticed additional fees being taken away from us," he said.

The council approved the \$5 increase Monday night. The alternative was to fund the increase through the city's general fund, said Kirkland.

"The question is, who should subsidize parking enforcement efforts," said Kirkland. "It's the council's desire — and I agree with them — that the cost of parking enforcement should be paid for by the people who violate the law."

TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE



WORKERS ARE demolishing the back part of the vacant El Cerrito Mill and Lumber building during the beginning stages of its move across the street.

Why did the building cross the street?

■ Mill and Lumber building's new location will be in Richmond — but retain an El Cerrito address

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Mill and Lumber building is getting a new home for the second time in about 80 years.

Now sitting at the corner of San Pablo Avenue and Schmidt Lane, it will be moved just across the street to the west side of San Pablo and used for retail and office space. One- and two-bedroom apartments will be placed on the piece of land the building now occupies.

"We're going to keep the integrity of the building, and make some positive improvements to the building," said Aaron Vitale, president of Vital

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CONSTRUCTION WORKERS Scott Stewart, Chris Cristobal, and Joel Touijan discuss the logistics of dismantling the vacant building.

Albany puts tax measures on November ballot

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Three ballot measures this November will ask voters whether they want to tax themselves to maintain some city services and pay for a variety of infrastructure improvements.

At its Monday meeting the City Council unanimously authorized placing a bond measure on the ballot that would tax property owners for infrastructure improvements worth \$14.5 million as well as separate ballot measures that would increase the city's property transfer tax and the city's paramedic tax.

With the city lacking a large sales-tax base and the state threatening to take even more money from city coffers, city officials see the tax measures as a necessity to maintain city services and make necessary improvements.

"When citizens want to maintain the same level of services, you have to find a way to pay for them," said Ann Ritzma, assistant city administrator.

The proposed increase in the property-transfer tax would pay for possible cuts to city revenues as a result of the state budget as well as increases in pension payments for city employees within the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

The increased paramedic tax would pay for increases in firefighter salaries and pay the difference for an expected increase in retirement costs.

The bond measure would pay for a list of infrastructure improvement projects, including: \$3 million worth of seismic upgrades to City Hall and the police and fire stations, acquiring property adjacent to Interstate 80 to develop Pierce Street Park at a cost of \$2.5 million; implementing a streetscape improvement plan for San Pablo and Solano avenues at a cost of \$5 million and \$1.5 million respectively; and \$6 million worth of traffic-calming improvement projects throughout the city.

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Food stamps, human services could get ax first in state cuts

■ About 9,200 families in Contra Costa use the program each month

By Peter Felsenfeld
STAFF WRITER

Contra Costa Employment and Human Services officials say they could lay off workers and eliminate food stamps this year to compensate for drastic state revenue cuts.

The department, which administers a wide range of services including CalWORKS, the welfare to work program, faces an anticipated \$15 million shortfall, director John Cullen told county supervisors during a budget workshop Tuesday.

"If the service isn't funded, we can't provide it," Cullen said. To make ends meet, he proposed reducing programs and eliminating 81 positions, 26 of which are vacant.

Supervisors are expected to approve a county spending plan next month, but their influence won't extend to food stamps.

Regardless of county priorities, Employment and Human Services will likely have to discontinue the food assistance program if the Assembly approves the relevant section of Gov. Gray Davis' revised budget, Cullen said.

CUTBACKS

Proposed cuts in Contra Costa County's Employment and Human Services Department

Staffing	\$5.3 million
Temporary assistance, needy families	\$3.9 million
CalWORKS contracts	\$2.3 million
Other professional service contracts	\$1.5 million
Miscellaneous expenses	\$2.3 million

Around 9,200 Contra Costa households receive food stamps each month, he said.

In addition to slashing state funding, the Davis proposal burdens counties with a federal penalty imposed on California for failing to administer the program properly, with Contra Costa's share totaling \$900,000.

Combined, the costs would cripple Contra Costa's ability to offer food stamps, said County Administrator John Sweeten.

"The state's cutting out ex-

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Tilden Park merry-go-round reopens after repairs

BAY CITY NEWS

BERKELEY — The antique carousel in Tilden Regional Park is up and running after undergoing a tune-up that repaired the gears that make it go 'round.

The 91-year-old carousel, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, was built in Tonawanda, N.Y. It was moved at amusement parks in Los Angeles, Ocean Beach and San Bernardino before it came to Berkeley.

After many years of service, an inspection performed in the spring revealed that the gears that control the up-and-down movements of the animals

needed replacement.

The repairs — which were paid for by money from Proposition 12 — changed the carousel's original cast-iron gears and put in precision-cut, flame-hardened steel gears.

The merry-go-round is now open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Labor Day. After that, the carousel will open only on weekends. The cost per ride is \$1, and 13-ride booklets are available for \$10.

Crews from the East Bay Regional Park District, which operates the park, also are refurbishing the snack bar next to the merry-go-round. They are adding

modern kitchen equipment, electrical lines, sewer lines and water pipes. Work should be finished later this year.

In the meantime, snacks like cookies, licorice whips and coffee are still available at the carousel hall.

The park district also is trying to come up with money to give the carousel a facelift. The animals need to be repainted, and restoration is priced at \$10,000 per animal because of the detailed, painstaking process involved.

In addition, the hardwood floors on the deck of the carousel and the two organs that play the

carousel's music are fragile and in need of repair.

The carousel has a small band organ in the center that is part of the original equipment.

It was modernized 34 years ago and converted to play a Wurlitzer music roll because the original music was no longer available.

The larger band organ outside the merry-go-round was built around the turn of the century. It plays on perforated paper rolls.

Anyone who wants to help restore the carousel should call the Regional Parks Foundation at 510-544-2003.



A 5-YEAR-OLD enjoys a ride on the reopened Tilden Park carousel in Berkeley on Wednesday.

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

IN BRIEF

Albany

Handful of elected positions open

Election papers for the Albany General Municipal Election to be held on Nov. 5 are available. Papers may be filed in the City Clerk's Office, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, until 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. The following positions are open:

Two four-year term City Council seats, three four-year term board of education seats, a two-year term board of education seat and one four-year term city attorney position. For more information, call 510-528-5720.

El Cerrito

Filing open for City Council seats

Two City Council seats will be up for election on Nov. 5. Residents are invited to apply for those seats by picking up election filing papers at the city clerk's office in City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., and returning them by 4 p.m. Aug. 9.

Mayor Janet Abelson and Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Perka have taken out filing papers, signaling an intention to run for reelection. Planning commission member Sandi Potter has also taken out filing papers, according to Linda Giddings, city clerk. For more information, call 510-215-4305.

Historical Society gets a look at Herms

The El Cerrito Historical Society will hold its annual potluck picnic at Arlington Park at noon Saturday, and anyone interested in local history is welcome and asked to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. Plates, utensils and soft drinks will be provided.

The history of Boy Scout Camp Herms at the east end of the park will be featured, with guest speaker Paul Grunland, who will lead a tour of the camp.

National Night Out set for Aug. 6

The El Cerrito Police Department and the city's crime prevention committee are sponsoring National Night Out on Aug. 6. National Night Out is observed every year on the first Tuesday in August and encourages communities to hold neighborhood events and activities to promote police-community partnerships and crime prevention. For more information, call the crime prevention committee at 510-215-4419.

Survey local creeks with Friends

Join the Friends of Baxter Creek on Monday, July 29, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. to learn how to survey local creeks with the Global Positioning System and contribute to Contra Costa County's Watershed Atlas. Participants will become familiar with the physical features of creeks, use of GPS units and data collection techniques developed for the Watershed Atlas.

Held jointly with San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and

Restoration Society, or SPAWNERS, this year's training will be held at County Supervisor John Gioia's office at 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, of the Del Norte Plaza Center residential/retail complex in north El Cerrito, just north of Cutting Boulevard and just south of MacDonnell Avenue.

A light supper will be provided, so please RSVP by calling Apple at 510-231-5778, or e-mail her at apple@aoinstitute.org.

Cerrito Theater committee forming

The city is inviting applications for a position on the Cerrito Theater Proposal Committee, which will review proposals for the operation of the Cerrito Theater.

The committee will evaluate the financial feasibility of proposals pitched by potential operators and their compatibility with the community. Committee members will conduct independent reviews of proposals plus attend two to three committee meetings.

Theater proposals are due Aug. 15, and a final decision will be made in the fall following interviews with City Council members Aug. 19. For an application, call the city clerk at 510-215-4305. For more information, call the community development department at 510-215-4380.

Civic Theatre sets auditions

Contra Costa Civic Theatre will hold auditions for "The Rainmaker" by N. Richard Nash at 7 p.m. Aug. 4 and 5.

Director Michael Ray Wisely needs six men and one woman. Be prepared to perform a monologue and read from a script. The play performs Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 18 through Nov. 23, with some Sunday matinees.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre is located at 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito. For further information, call 510-524-9132.

— Staff reports

ALBANY POLICE

Tuesday, July 9

■ **UNRULY DEER** — At about 2 a.m. Albany officers responded to Madison and Castro streets after receiving reports of three deer in the area. One, a large buck, was reported as repeatedly butting vehicles. The animals were gone when officers arrived, and no noticeable damage to the cars was found.

■ **STOLEN GOLF CART** — During the early morning hours Berkeley police reported locating a golf cart that had been stolen from Albany. Police had a suspect in custody and arrested him on suspicion of car theft and possession of marijuana. The golf cart's owner was notified.

■ **THEFT** — At about 11:15 p.m., Berkeley police responded to the Safeway Store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue on reports of two subjects being detained under Citizen's Arrest for stealing alcohol. Officers cited the 16-year-old Berkeley boy and the 17-year-old Richmond boy and released them to their parents with Notices to Appear.

Wednesday, July 10

■ **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** — At about 7 p.m., Albany officers contacted two people near Solano and San Pablo avenues for suspicious activity. One of the pair, a 21-year-old Albany man, was found to have a No Bail warrant from Contra Costa County for Failure to Appear, DUI, violation of parole and other violations. He was arrested, cited and transported to the Martinez jail.

Friday, July 12

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 2 a.m., Albany officers contacted a subject in a red '93 Dodge for suspicious activity. The driver, a 26-year-old Berkeley woman, was found to have an outstanding Oakland warrant in the amount of \$1,000. She was arrested and released.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A resident in the 1000 block of Talbot Avenue reported that during the night thieves stole his green '99 Honda Civic. There were no witnesses.

EL CERRITO POLICE

Friday, July 5

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1991 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 3000 block of San Mateo sometime between 10:15 p.m. on July 4 and 11 a.m. on July 5.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1988 Honda Prelude was recovered by an officer on the 7800 block of Potrero Avenue at 2:20 p.m.

Saturday, July 6

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1988 Buick LaSabre was stolen from El Cerrito Plaza sometime between 5:45 and 8:45 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1985 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 5800 block of El Dorado Street sometime between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1985 Toyota van was recovered by a police officer on the 5900 block of El Dorado Street at 1:28 p.m.

Sunday, July 7

■ **COMPUTERS STOLEN** — Two laptop computers were taken from a home on the 8700 block of Terrace Drive sometime between 9:45 a.m. on July 7 and 9:10 a.m. the next day. A garage door window was broken as well.

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A stolen 1987 Honda was recovered by a police officer at Avila Avenue and Carlson Boulevard at 6:27 p.m. The vehicle had been stolen the night before at the parking lot of Nation's Giant Hamburger.

Monday, July 8

■ **GENERATORS STOLEN** — Two generators worth \$3,600 were stolen from a store at El Cerrito Plaza sometime between 3:30 p.m. on July 5 and 5:45 a.m. on July 8.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1988 Mazda B2000 was recovered by a police officer on the 5800 block of El Dorado Street at 1:28 p.m.

EL CERRITO CHAMBER NEWS

By Sewall Glineternick

A total of \$150,000 has been budgeted to help spur improvement of storefronts on property in El Cerrito's redevelopment area, according to Lori Trevino, the city's economic development/redevelopment manager.

Speaking at the Chamber's June business luncheon, Trevino pointed out the money is earmarked for loans and grants of up to \$5,000 to help finance the improvement work. Trevino said she also hoped to get together with El Cerrito's Design Review Board to see whether they could come up with a specific set of guidelines to cover this sort of improvement work.

"That way, we could handle storefront improvement projects at the counter and save store owners the trouble of having to go through a hearing before the Design Review Board," she said.

Trevino told the group she also hopes to work with Richmond to see if a program couldn't be worked out to upgrade

storefronts on both sides of San Pablo Avenue.

She concluded by saying she favored the idea of giving San Pablo Avenue merchants an opportunity to tell the city exactly what they would like to see in the way of a storefront improvement project.

For the next two months there will be no chamber business luncheon. The series will resume in September. The Chamber office at 10848 San Pablo Ave., however, will be open to serve the public Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

TWO MORE JOIN: A pair of local firms — Petco and B&T Bookkeeping — are the latest to add their names to the El Cerrito Chamber's membership list.

While it has been open only a short time, the Petco store in El Cerrito Plaza, one of the Chamber's newer members, is reported to be drawing "a very positive response" from local shoppers.

"Our customers keep telling us how thrilled they are that Petco is here, and how much they love the design of the store," said Bryan Hidenfelter, manager of the Petco at 420 El Cerrito Plaza. With 15,500 feet of retail space the store, according to Hidenfelter, "carries all the supplies a person could possibly need for any type of animal."

In addition, there is a large supply of live reptiles and small animals, an enclosed bird room, and a selection of hundreds of fresh and saltwater fish. There is a full-service grooming department, manned by a certified company-trained staff.

In mid-July, the Petco store will offer a low-cost dog and cat vaccination clinic and on Saturdays, animal-rescue organizations are on hand at the store with dogs, cats and puppies for adoption.

Pet photography is also available by appointment, and on holidays, plans call for the store to

feature pet-related contests. One of the store's most outstanding features is its "Petco Pals" program, a club that offers discounts on items and a free bag of premium pet food following the purchase of 10 bags.

Petco is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays. B&T Bookkeeping, another new member, was founded by Brody and Tracy Giles "to take the mystery out of bookkeeping and accounting for small-business owners and families."

"It is our goal," says Brody Giles, "to design a customized bookkeeping solution for each client that will allow them to grow and understand their business. B&T Bookkeeping prides itself on combining state-of-the-art bookkeeping that is automated, using the latest software solutions with a back-to-basic approach to business accounting."

Once the bookkeeping system has been established, the firm offers a quarterly/monthly business analysis service that supplies the business owner with an overall financial picture of the business and provides recommendations

for strategic planning. Brody Giles has more than 10 years experience in the software business and expertise in bookkeeping, accounting, budgeting, analysis, and data management.

Tracy Giles, who holds a master's degree in business administration, has more than 10 years experience in strategic planning and sales in the business, and is skilled in managing businesses and plans for business success. B&T Bookkeeping reached at 510-528-8411 or mail bgiles@dnal.com, tgiles01@excite.com. The consultation is free.

CORRECTION

The July 12 Community column included the wrong mail and address for the John Civil Liberties League. The address is P.O. Box 94701, Berkeley, CA 94701. The is: mclh@igc.org

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Help could be in sight for KPFA's Mary Berg

THERE ARE FEW local radio personalities as beloved as Mary Berg. Her weekly classical music show on KPFA has brightened a Sunday morning for more than 20 years.

One day last month, she noticed something odd: a filmy stain covering the outside of her field of vision in her left eye. At least, she thought she saw it. When she closed again a few minutes later, she wasn't so sure. So she decided to wait a while, to see if it was all in her imagination or not. Big mistake.

Though she didn't know it, she was experiencing the first symptoms of a tear in her retina. She should have called her eye doctor right away. Instead, she waited for almost two weeks. When she finally decided the time was finally decided, she had become a full-blown detached retina.

Her ophthalmologist, Dr. Richard Litwin of Berkeley, took one look and rushed her to a specialist: Dr. Scott Lee of Bay Retina Consultants on Island's Pill Hill. The next day she knew, she was on an operating table, about to undergo emergency surgery.

When she woke up in the recovery room, there was a little carpenter's spirit level on her forehead. Someone had taken a felt-tip pen and drawn an arrow on her forehead, pointing at the spirit level at 2 o'clock on the dial.

She gave her a little hand-held mirror and said, "When the bubble in the spirit level is at the arrow, that's when your head is in correct position. Now, stay that way for the next 10 days." And they meant 24 hours a day, waking or sleeping. She had to arrange her pillows so that her head couldn't inadvertently move while she was asleep. If she did move, the retina could catch again, and she'd have to have surgery on the whole thing all over again. Talk about a pain in the neck — literally! Try tilting her head at a 50-degree angle every few minutes, and you'll see what I mean.

That's the bad news. The good news is that Dr. Lee was able to save her sight. A detached retina is an extremely serious matter — especially one that's left untreated as long as Mary's was. She is a very, very lucky woman. The luckiest part of having Dr. Lee as her surgeon is that he is simply the best. And I ought to know, because he's my retina surgeon. I've had detachments in both eyes, and to him I owe the fact that I'm still able to see.

Why am I telling you all this? Two reasons. First, I want to warn you, in case you notice weirdness in your sight. Sometimes it's a curtain, Mary experienced. Other times it can be flashing lights, my "floaters" swimming in your field of vision. The point is not to look for a particular symptom, but for anything at all out of the ordinary. If you do see something, get your eye doctor right away, or if it's in the middle of the night, I promise: They will not mad at you if it turns out to be a false alarm. They'd rather be a hundred false alarms than one case that was put off long. And don't be fooled by popular myth that you have to get a hit in the head to cause a detachment. It didn't happen to me, or in Mary's. Often,



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

it's just a function of the aging process, especially if you're myopic. The more nearsighted you are, the more at risk you are.

The other reason I'm telling you all this is that Mary needs help paying for the operation. She didn't have insurance, and the hospital refused to allow the operation to proceed unless she ponied up \$20,000 first.

Dr. Lee called that "outrageous," and he got them down to \$14,000. But that was still way more than she could pay. So some of her friends came to the rescue by putting the hospital bill on their credit cards. But they need to be paid back, and soon; they're not rich, either.

That's why some of the best musicians on the local scene are putting on a concert this Sunday night to help defray Mary's medical expenses. Pianist Sarah Cahill, flautist Marvin Sanders, cellist Elaine Kreston, and the vocal/instrumental group Baroque And Classical Harmonies (B.A.C.H., for short) will play, singly and together.

The musical selections haven't been finalized as of this writing, but they promise to play Ravel, Debussy, John Cage, Lou Harrison, John Adams, and lots and lots of Bach.

The concert will be at 8 p.m. at The Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall, at the corner of Cedar and Bonita in North Berkeley. KPFA deejay Larry Bensky will be the emcee.

They're asking for \$15 donation; every penny will go to Mary. I'm planning to be there, and not just because it's for a good cause. I have a funny feeling that this is going to be a concert to remember. All these musicians are friends, and they're doing this strictly out of love. There is absolutely no pressure on them, so they'll be free to cut loose, experiment and have fun.

This concert shows all the signs of being a classical music jam session. I just hope somebody remembers to tape it. And I hope to see you there, too. (Pun intended.)

Phone Martin Snapp at 510-273-9039 or e-mail him at catman@california.com.

Rehashing history with the Reuse Queen

MARIANNE HEGEMAN calls herself the Reuse Queen of El Cerrito. Okay, said I, tell me what you have done to earn that title. She told me and I bowed in agreement.

It was Marianne Hegeman who started the city-wide garage sale El Cerrito has held annually since 1990. You may remember that it won the Contra Costa County Source Reduction & Recycling Award in 1991.

And it was Marianne who compiled the Berkeley/Albany Reuse Directory, which identifies and locates 16 categories of Reuse Retail Businesses that buy, sell, trade, rent and repair reusable goods.

The directory provides maps, descriptions of goods, addresses, phone numbers and hours of operation. The directory was published in 1996 and revised in 1999.

Want more? There is more. But Marianne Hegeman is interesting for more than that, and the rest of her "reuse" history will have to be told along with her personal history.

For starters: Marianne was born in upstate New York, and grew up in Uruguay. Her father was an epidemiologist, and went to South America to work during the region's small pox epidemics of the 1940s and 1950s.

So the family lived there for nine years, and Marianne grew up completely bilingual.

"That has influenced me all my life," she says, and adds, "I have always used my language skills in many ways."

She worked for the State Department as an interpreter, and has done the same for several different organizations, including her present work with the Over Sixty Clinic in Berkeley, where she acts as an interpreter for the more than 35 Spanish-speaking patients that clinic serves.

The young Marianne attended high school in Doylestown, Penn. (part of Bucks County). She attended Reed College in Portland, Ore., for two years, transferred to the University of Nevada, and then to UC Berkeley from which she graduated in Latin American history.

At the University of Illinois she studied geography — which, she says, teaches one "where things are, and why they are where they are."

She continued her studies and earned her master's degree at San Francisco State University. Her master's thesis was "Used Merchandise Stores: Reuse Retailing In Berkeley, California." This led directly back to the work she had already started



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

doing in El Cerrito.

But her life has not been all education. Between bouts of schooling, she worked for 15 years in the travel business, managing travel agencies; worked in Latin America (Honduras, Panama, Ecuador) with community development projects and indigenous peoples projects; traveled all over Latin America studying the Spanish-speaking populations, and has been involved with many projects in those countries.

In the Bay Area, Marianne worked as a consultant with the cities of San Pablo and Berkeley. In San Pablo she worked as an Hispanic outreach translator with the planning department. She did bilingual environmental surveys and translations and interpreting for treaty conferences among Latin Americans, American Indians and others.

During all of this ferocious activity, her work with reuse and recycling went on. She prefers "reuse," because reusing things just the way they are means you don't have to use additional energy to change them into something else.

In her booklets on reuse, she named several stores in Berkeley, but she asks, "Where are the reuse stores in El Cerrito?" She feels such stores should be encouraged.

There is one interesting note about what led her into the reuse/recycling activities. Her father was a collector — of everything.

"He came back from Latin America with 72 crates of stuff," she says.

After he died, and after she had arranged his "stuff" into real collections, "I was able to buy a house in El Cerrito."

That started her on her crusade. Her long time dream of a citywide garage sale in El Cerrito became reality in 1989.

She found out that many residents in El Cerrito had



MARIANNE HEGEMAN is known to many as the "Reuse Queen." She is the organizer of the El Cerrito city-wide garage sale.

garages under their homes and used them to store things they didn't use or need.

"Many people had lived through the Depression and saved everything."

When she approached the city staff with her citywide garage sale idea, she was met with enthusiasm.

"One of the best things that happened," she says, "was that people came to know their neighbors."

More than that, through the years, organizations have used the event as a fund-raiser, and it has become a social thing.

Hegeman has held courses at the El Cerrito Community Center on how to have a garage sale.

"It's your chance to have a store."

Everything should be as organized as possible, she says,

and everything should be as clean and as attractive as possible. And, of course, everything should be priced.

"The idea is to get rid of things you no longer use, to be bought by people who want them."

She suggests that "anything you have that makes you uncomfortable to look at" should be sold. And she feels strongly that the older generation should get rid of their accumulations so that their children won't have to.

Marianne D. Hegeman called me to suggest another person, but during our conversation I realized she was a very interesting person, herself. I thank her for calling. And I invite all of you to give me your ideas. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

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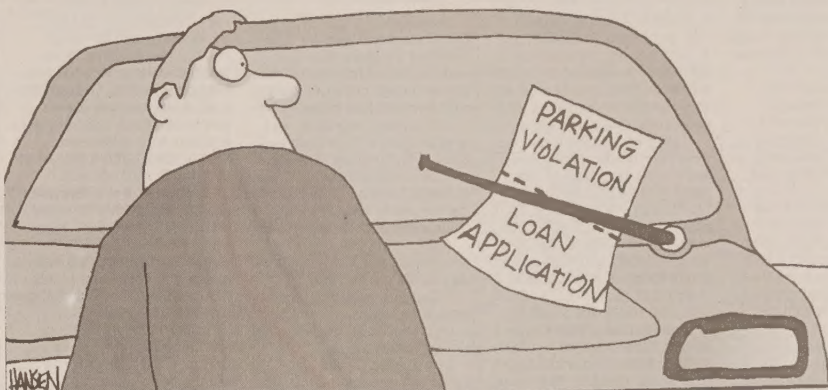
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PARKING TICKET FINES RISE AGAIN

It may look like nothing's happening but a great deal may be. Time to reflect is essential — and summer's the perfect time for it. Pencil it in.



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Richard J. Stebbins

A cartoon illustration titled "FIRE RESCUE SHEEP". It depicts a fire in a building with smoke and flames coming out of the windows. A person is seen in a window above, shouting "HELP!". Two sheep are running away from the building, with speech bubbles above them saying "BAAAA". A firefighter in a helmet and jacket is pointing towards the sheep. Another firefighter is visible in the background. The scene is set in a simple, stylized environment.

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Report maps methods for improving schools



BETTY KING BUGINAS
Schools

AS I READ over the "The Annenberg Challenge: Lessons & Reflections on Public School Reform" I'm thinking, "This is great!" I can't find anything in the report that would be newsworthy in the traditional sense, as things I hadn't heard before that are particularly startling. It does a great job of capturing the essence of what school reform is all about — what has been learned and what still needs to be done. But it bears repeating because we often get bogged down in the small stuff and miss the important issues. So much public debate — the extensive discussion at the Pledge of Allegiance site to do with the core of how best to teach children. Even the state's accountability system, while focusing on testing and threats, does little to offer guidance on how to improve schools.

The report, released last week, is based on an 8-year, \$100 million effort. It was the result of a public-private partnership to improve public schools in the San Francisco Bay Area. S. history, according to the Annenberg Challenge's Web site, the effort was actually a series of separate, locally developed projects, including the Area School Reform Collaborative, which continues to work with schools in West Contra Costa and other area districts. Here is the report's summary of the nine lessons learned:

Lesson 1: Every child benefits from high expectations and standards.

Lesson 2: Even large gifts of money are no substitute for quality, equitable and reliable funding.

Lesson 3: Schools are too often reaching out to other schools — forming networks — mutual support and criticism — can help overcome weaknesses.

Lesson 4: Schools need lots of help to do this work. Partnerships and foundations all can play a vital role — their support must be built.

Lesson 5: Professional development holds the key to better schools. We found teachers who were ones and veterans — we became better instructors and we helped them do it.

Lesson 6: We helped students and teachers to get to know each other better. We found ways to make big schools small and small schools better.

Lesson 7: Schools need strong leadership — not just principals and superintendents — but also in the classroom, on school boards, in the community and in state capitals.

Lesson 8: Schools cannot survive without accountability. However, those who set the policy and allocate resources should also be held accountable.

Lesson 9: Public education in America is better than its reputation. Public schools and the people who work with them do a better job of telling their stories.

You can read the full text of the report or order free copies at www.lessonsandreflections.org.

There is one thing I'd add to the report, it would be something told to me by the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative's director, Merrill Vargo, who is quoted in the Annenberg report. Vargo did a great job of explaining why reforming schools makes so much sense.

There are so many things — organization of high schools, the length of the school year — that we just because that's the way we've been doing it, she explained. They don't particularly care about the needs of today's students, who more than ever need a good education to succeed.

Betty King Buginas is a teacher at West Contra Costa Unified School District and a faculty editor of the West County Times.



Summer strings

EMMA GRAGER, 9, pays close attention to instructor Bobbi Niklas on the last day of Fiddlekids Summer Camp, held in June at Tehiya Day School in El Cerrito. The one-week camp brings together prominent teachers in various styles of traditional fiddle music each year, and draws children from as far away as Southern California.

GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

School staffers say budget cuts too deep

West Contra Costa district workers, officials say cuts are unrealistic

By Kara Shire
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Bad budget times always hit schools hard, and the latest economic downturn is no different. But some West Contra Costa school district employees say staffing cuts approved late last month could push them over the edge, leaving textbooks undelivered, phones unanswered and students underserved.

"Everybody on my staff is overtaxed," said Dorris Headington, office manager at DeAnza High School in El Sobrante, where the clerical support for the school's two counselors was eliminated.

"And when people are (already) working 150 percent, and you're telling them to absorb even more, it's hard."

District administrators slashed 19 school-based jobs — from textbook clerks to night attendance clerks to counseling clerks and one vice principal — from the district's \$241.7 million general fund budget.

Those cuts were just a portion of \$4.2 million in budget reductions made to meet sagging financial predictions and to help pay for seven new literacy positions.

The new jobs, which include full-time librarians and literacy assistants for the district's six middle schools, are key to the district's focus on reading, said Superintendent Gloria Johnston.

"The reason we're doing this at the middle school is to be able to provide support for our literacy initiative," Johnston said. "The libraries have to be open every day. That's absolutely critical."

But other job cuts have more to do with economics than education, and Johnston said those spots simply couldn't survive this year's financial doldrums.

"I wish we weren't in this economic time where we have to make cuts, but we have to be responsible," Johnston said.

On paper the layoffs seem innocuous — a clerk-typist here, a library assistant there — but those who work in the schools say those positions are crucial, and they're not sure what will happen when the jobs are gone.

"We are a family, we cover for each other," said Frank Fadelli, vice principal at Pinole Middle School. "But if we lose a textbook clerk, it's going to be a very severe blow to the morale and to the kids."

The elimination of middle school textbook clerks has been a particularly sore spot for some administrators. Textbook clerks order, stamp, track, clean and deliver thousands of textbooks each year.

Helms Middle School Principal Harriet MacLean said the elimination of her school textbook clerk is unrealistic, and she wonders why high schools, where attendance rates are often lower than the 1,600-student Helms, aren't enduring the same loss.

"We have to give out almost 10,000 books in September," MacLean said. "Who is going to do that?"

Back at DeAnza, there are similar fears. Front office clerks said they've struggled for years to keep up with student and parent needs, and the latest cuts will only worsen an already persistent problem.

"We're so short-staffed now that we have to use students to do a lot of work, such as filing," said Jan Bridges, a records clerk at DeAnza who's losing her position to a more senior employee.

"Parents need to realize that other kids are seeing their students' folders," which can include discipline and psychological reports and special education information.

Despite the chaotic predictions, there are others in the district who say the layoffs, though unwelcome, will be weathered.

"I guess I'm a realist," said Crespi Middle School Principal Vince Rhea.

"I try to say, 'OK, this is the decision, and how are we going to make it work?' Because we will make it work. Schools evolve all the time."

Kara Shire covers education. Reach her at 510-262-2798 or kshire@ctimes.com.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Richmond

Middle school gets name from educator

A 33-year educator, Fulbright Scholar and backer of equal rights who died last year after a long battle with cancer was given the honor of having her name grace the city's new school.

Levonya Dejean Middle School, a moniker agreed on by school board members Wednesday night, will open to sixth-graders in January.

A Louisiana native, Dejean was a teacher, principal at Kennedy High School and a district administrator. Later she built her own consulting business.

Dejean was best known for her love of education and fought fervently for her favorite cause: equal opportunity for all students, especially black male students who she thought were being damaged by the school district.

Levonya Dejean Middle School, on the corner of 33rd Street and Macdonald Avenue, will be the first middle school in central Richmond in more than four decades.

El Cerrito

Car wash will benefit class of 2003

The El Cerrito High School class of 2003 will host a car wash to raise money for their class on Saturday. It will take place at the Goodyear lot at 431 San Pablo Ave. in Albany across the street from Albany Bowl. Each car wash will cost \$5.

Richmond

Community picnic in the Iron Triangle

Free bicycle helmets, T-shirts and art activities for children will be featured at the 10th annual Iron Triangle Community Picnic,

to be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in Nevin Park.

The picnic also will include entertainment and three-on-three basketball.

At the art table, artist Lisa di Prima will help children create pictures of their friends, families and themselves. Art supplies will be provided. The "Picture Yourself!" art session will run from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

For more information on the picnic, call 510-412-4482 or 510-236-5812. For the art activities, call 510-620-6842.

El Cerrito

High school leader to take county job

Four years after assuming El Cerrito High School's top job, Principal Mike Aaronian said Tuesday he will leave his post for a county position.

In an e-mail to El Cerrito High parents and teachers, Aaronian said he has accepted an administrative position with the Contra Costa County Office of Education.

He will head the county's Regional Occupational Program, a school-to-career program that helps students learn about career opportunities and develop job skills.

Richmond

Nystrom School goes for the 'Goose'

Nystrom Elementary School students will appear in "The Truth and Nothing But... A Play about Mother Goose and Her Nursery Rhymes" on Wednesday.

The play was written by Sheila Watson, Linda Reimann and Oji S. Blackston.

The curtain goes up at 7 p.m. in the school multipurpose room.

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Inventor puts new spin on exercise

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — It sits just over a foot off the floor, a combination of blue-and-white bicycle parts and sports equipment welded together with padded foot rests covered in duct tape.

Inventor Ted Armstrong takes a spin on his device, which moves like a mechanical bull-BMX bike. It looks so much like a rodeo machine, he names his machine on the spot: the bucking spinner.

"This is my favorite," said Armstrong, using his arms and shoulders to move himself on the spinner on the floor of his cluttered workshop just north of the Del Norte BART station. "This one has the most action I've been able to make."

Since 1978, Armstrong has been designing, building and marketing exercise and recreational machines which he says mimic the movement of gymnastics and thrill sports such as BMX racing.

He builds the machines from recycled bike parts and fitness equipment and dubbed his company "Environmental Toys."

His toys include: the "swivel trainer," which can take people on a side-to-side swing based on how they handle the control, a "scissors trainer" which mimics the movement of a gymnast on a pommel horse and the acro/rotation trainer which uses movements similar to those a gymnast on parallel bars.

"They're designed to allow one to experience acrobatic stunts and to develop balance," said Armstrong, adding that because his machines are no higher than two feet off the ground, they can be used by people in wheelchairs. "I just want to emphasize it's a lot of fun," he said.

In high school, Armstrong was a gymnast and car buff. With an interest in architecture, he attended California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland and received a

degree in environmental design. He intended to design and make furniture. Instead he studied gymnastics, BMX racing and other high-risk sports.

"In skydiving and hang gliding, many people were getting injured and killed," he said. "I saw a market for alternative forms of recreation that would provide a thrilling experience with a greater margin of safety."

He's since received at least five patents. He was marketing his machines, but after selling a few, sales dropped off, he said. But he feels things could pick up again.

"It has been gratifying knowing that a lot of disabled people out there that have very few options as far as gymnastics and other activities, that these devices can really change their lives," he said.

For more information, call 510-846-7848 or 510-965-0458.

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or alopez1@cctimes.com.



TED ARMSTRONG shifts his weight to demonstrate the rotating feature of one of his environmental exercise equipment invention. Made from a bicycle frame, it helps improve balance and strength.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

This column for seniors runs Fridays. Submit information at least two weeks in advance to: Dora Scardina, c/o The Journal, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806. Fax: 510-262-2776.

Albany

Albany Senior Center — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 846 Masonic Ave. Bingo, bridge, needlecrafts, world events, literature, writing memoirs, exercise, drawing, Mercy Brown Bag Program today. Dinner 4 p.m. weekdays by reservation. 510-524-9122.

Berkeley

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1414 Walnut St. Classes include art, exercise, Hebrew and Yiddish, yoga and photography, holiday programs, bridge, 510-848-0237.

North Berkeley Senior Center — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1901 Hearst Ave. Speakers, classes in languages, writing, dancing, sewing, ceramics and exercise. Bingo 1-2 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. 510-981-5190.

South Berkeley Senior Center — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 2939 Ellis St. Tap dancing, ceramics, hat-making, arts, crafts, painting, tai chi, gentle exercise, computer classes. 510-644-6109.

St. John's Senior Center — 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, 2727 College Ave. Arts and crafts. 510-845-6630.

West Berkeley Senior Center — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1900 6th St. Line dancing 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Birthdays celebrated at 1 p.m. today. 510-981-5180.

El Cerrito

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Richmond

Senior Adult Activity Center — 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church, 34th Street and Barrett Avenue. Center closed for vacation Bible school. Lunch at Hometown Buffet 11:15 a.m. Tuesday. 510-620-9566.

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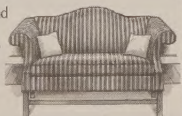
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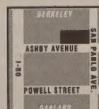
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vice what we provide the pub-
lic you could do without."
approved, the city's prop-
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per \$1,000 of assessed
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up for sale earlier this year, and
bought it about three months
ago, while trying to figure out
what to do with the parcel of land
across the street that he pur-
chased two years ago.

"We heard input that every-
body would like the building to
be saved," said Vitale. "A couple
people even approached us to
find a way to save the building."

On Tuesday, construction
crews were busy putting up a
fence around the perimeter and
demolishing the former milling
shed and storage space that sat
to the east of the building. The
building's exterior and offices,
however, will be saved.

"Everything you see from the
street you're still going to see,"
said Vitale.

After demolition, the building
will be swiveled 180 degrees,
then in late August, placed on gi-
ant dollies and moved across the
street at a cost of about \$100,000.

A portion of the building on
the north side will be raised and
a new floor will be erected un-
derneath it.

The building will house about
2,700 square feet of commercial
space on the bottom floor and
nearly 1,700 square feet of office
space on the top floor.

Vitale said city officials from
Richmond and El Cerrito have
been very helpful with the plan.

The building will sit in Richmond
but retain an El Cerrito address.

"I actually am quite excited
about that building going there,"
said Mayor Janet Abelson. "It's
not going to be in El Cerrito but
if it's not going to be in El Cer-
rito, why not across the street
from where it was? So he's sav-
ing the building and it'll be a
great improvement for the av-
enue."

As for Freethy, he retired in
2000, but gave his equipment and
advice to three former employ-
ees who recently started a new
company in Oakland called El
Cerrito Woodworking.

He's happy the building will
be saved.

"It was a win-win situation
mainly because we could move
the company and we could pro-
vide the services necessary to the
Bay Area in the woodworking
field," he said, with the sound of
jackhammering in the back-
ground. "It's been two to three
years in planning at least."

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Cuts

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actly the dollars that we desper-
ately need to resolve our own er-
ror rate problem," he said. "It
doesn't make any sense."

Alameda County's Social Ser-
vices Agency avoided layoffs this
year by cutting all funded vacant
positions and re-assigning em-
ployees to other departments, said
public information officer Sylvia
Miles.

To smooth over a \$16.6 mil-
lion funding gap, the county also
cut contracts with community-
based groups, mostly within Cal-
WORKS, she said.

Cullen's proposed cost-saving
measures for Contra Costa in-
clude closing social service fa-
cilities one day every week, as
well as mandatory and voluntary
work furloughs.

Supervisors and union leaders
regarded the closure idea with skep-
ticism, but for different reasons.

Most of the county's social
service employees are affiliated
with the Service Employees In-
ternational Union Local 535.
Joyce M. Baird, a Local 535
spokeswoman, said workers un-
derstand the department must
implement huge reductions.

But work furloughs should ap-

ply to all county workers, including
upper-level management, she said.

"This whole situation isn't a
surprise," Baird said. "But it's im-
portant that these problems are
addressed as countywide prob-
lems and not just problems in
this one department."

Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier

of Concord expressed concern
that periodic closures would con-
fuse the public.

"If people are used to an office
that's open on Friday and they're in
dire need, they need to know what
they're options are," he said. "We're
going to need some alternatives
rather than just closing the office."

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The Disaster Council, Waterfront, Transportation, Parks & Recreation and City Environmental Advisory commissions and commissions on Disabilities and on Aging are expected to contribute recommendations.

Because traffic congestion has been voted the No. 1 problem in the Bay Area, the Water Transit Authority is currently preparing an environmental report for regional ferry service and is studying new terminal sites in San Francisco Bay.

Berkeley's Gilman Street is currently a top-priority, Tier 1 site for a new ferry terminal because of its good location for San Francisco connections, recreational opportunities and convenient access to intermodal connections, primarily bicyclists and Bay Trail users.

Ferry service at Gilman Street is advocated in the City's General Plan, Policy T-9, which was

adopted by the council last November.

The Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition, the East Bay Bicycle Coalition and the Gray Panthers have all recently adopted policies to support the future Berkeley ferry.

"BART will be at capacity in less than 10 years. Consequently, ferries will be an essential component for the future of public transportation," said Linda Perry of the Berkeley Ferry Committee. "They are inexpensive, environmentally friendly, and will be a wonderful recreational amenity for our Eastshore State Park — especially because many recreational facilities in the Bay Area are only accessible by ferry (Alcatraz and Angel Islands, for example).

"The WTA planning processes and studies are a golden opportunity to take advantage of expertise, technologies and funding that would not normally be available for ferry planning at our local scale."

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Alameda County to test food stamp substitute

OAKLAND — Beginning in August, welfare recipients will be able to use a debit card instead of food stamps at grocery stores.

Alameda and Yolo counties will be the first in the state to test the system, which replaces food stamps and may eventually replace welfare checks.

California is one of the last states in the country to begin use of the Electronic Benefits Transfer system. Social service officials say it will give recipients some privacy and help remove the stigma of using food stamps.

Government officials and advocates for the poor say using this ATM-like system will reduce fraud, lower administration costs and help the poor by forcing them to learn the basics of electronic banking.

The state announced in 2000 that Alameda County was chosen as a test site for the pilot program because of its large urban areas and diverse population with many languages spoken.

At that time, an estimated 1.8 million residents statewide received food stamps — including 62,327 food stamp recipients in Alameda County and 26,380 in Contra Costa County.

Under the electronic system, counties can add general assistance payments to the cards, allowing the money to be withdrawn at ATMs.

The program is expected to begin in Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma counties in December, and in San Francisco and San Mateo counties in February.



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AT THE JULY 9 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new structure in El Cerrito's Cerrito Vista Park, Zachary Carr, 5, climbs on that their grandfather designed.

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Photos focus on life's details

Detailed photos of people document three decades of life in the Bay Area

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STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — In the early 1970s, Jim Hair hitchhiked through the United States taking pictures of people and things that interested him, among them, members of the notorious Hells Angels motorcycle club.

In the 1980s and 1990s Hair no longer had the will or means to hitchhike, but continued using his oversized camera, snapping photos of events and people in the Bay Area, including demonstrations, parades, fundraising walks and interesting people he encountered on the street.

His photo exhibit at the Albany Community Center, which opens July 21, will be comprised of black-and-white photos taken in the 1970s and color shots from the 1990s. Entitled "Before and After," the showing is, he said, a document of changes in the Bay Area over the last three decades.

Hair of course underwent changes himself, including having two children, the oldest of whom is 21. And because they were with him while he took many of his photos, he's doing the exhibit for them, he said.

"A lot of work — they were there when it was made, basically," said Hair, a Berkeley resident who hasn't done an exhibit in 10 years.

"My kids have had to sacrifice going to a park or playground — instead they went with me to walk in middle of Market Street while protesters marched down while trying to stop the bombing of Iraq," Hair said, "or wandering along the street during the pride parade or AIDS walk."

"They've been there while I've been pushing the button, and this'll give them a chance to see what it all means."

Raised by his grandparents in San Diego, Hair started taking pictures when he was a child himself; his first was of himself and his grandmother at Disneyland. He continued in high school, taking pictures of friends. He graduated from UC Santa

EXHIBIT

WHAT: Photo exhibit by Berkeley resident Jim Hair

WHERE: The Albany Community Center and Library Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave.

WHEN: The opening reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 21 and run until Sept. 19

INFORMATION: 510-524-9283

Cruz with an independent major in photography, which he said, allowed him to incorporate other subjects such as anthropology into his work.

"I see my work as urban anthropology, where I'm documenting people for historical reasons," Hair said. "I've always enjoyed historical photographs and wondered about the people in the photographs. I liked idea that 100 years from now people could be looking at photographs and wondering about them or make up stories about people in photographs."

His interest in anthropology is coupled with his influences from photographers such as Ansel Adams, who is most famous for taking detailed photos of nature.

Hair, however, focuses on the details of people, using a Hasselblad camera, which is more complex, uses a larger negative and captures more detail than a regular 35 mm camera. For example, Hair once took a photo of a man in a San Francisco gay pride parade and thought the photo was focusing on a leather chain. But when Hair enlarged it to see the detail, he realized he was looking at a line of earrings pierced in the man's ear.

The amazing thing, Hair said, is that it's something people may not necessarily notice if they were passing the man on the street.

"The camera captures for the moment what's really there," he said, "and we stop for a moment and look at the photo we can actually see what was there."

The photos in Hair's exhibit will be comprised of 12 oversized prints measuring about 30-by-30 inches, as well as several smaller photographs. The subjects of the photos are eclectic, from the

Hells Angels' San Diego chapter circa 1975 to color shots of people and places in the '90s.

Many of these shots were made possible by the children he had in tow at the time. He said his children made him less threatening to potential subjects, allowing him to walk right up to people he thinks would make a good picture.

"We're taught not to talk to strangers," Hair said, "but I think there's so much we could share and I think people are willing to do that."

The Albany Arts Commission chooses work to show at the Albany Community Center. The commission tries to find artists that are local. A preview reception will be held Sunday, July 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. The center is located at 1249 Marin Avenue.

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PHOTOGRAPHER Jim Hair sees himself as an urban anthropologist, recording fleeting moments.

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THE USS POTOMAC — The 165-foot presidential yacht USS Potomac, called the "Floating White House" when it was refurbished at the beginning of World War II for use by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, has been restored to its World War II splendor.

Dockside Tours, ongoing. Tours of the Potomac at the dock are about 45 minutes. Tours canceled when weather is bad and the decks are too slippery to be safe; call ahead if the weather is rainy. Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 3:15 p.m. \$3 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 youths age 6 to 17; free children under age 6; \$5 family rate for two adults and children.

Public History Cruises, through mid-November. The two-hour Bay cruise goes down the Oakland Estuary past the Port of Oakland container cargo facilities, then across the bay to San Francisco to view the historic vessels moored there. The cruise returns by way of Treasure Island, site of the 1939-1940 World Fair, the Golden Gate International Exposition. Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$30 general; \$27 seniors; \$15 youths age 6 through 17; free children age 5 and under.

USS Potomac: FDR Pier, Foot of Clay Street, northwest end of Jack London Square, Oakland. Potomac Visitor Center: 540 Water St., Oakland. (510)

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ROBERTS REGIONAL RECREATION AREA — Within the park's 82 acres are a heated outdoor pool, bathhouse, playing fields, picnic areas and hiking and riding trails. Sea captains once took their bearings from a towering redwood tree on Blossom Rock here. Free, \$4 parking fee. Skyline Boulevard, 1/2 mile north of Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. 510-521-8887 or www.ebparks.org

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REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN — "Chaparral and Scrub, Maquis and Matorral," July 21, 10 a.m. Learn what's Mediterranean about California's flora on a walk through the native plant facility in the center of Tilden Park. Compare it to similar plant communities in Chile and elsewhere.

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Real estate: real-life theater

Number 400 in a series of experiences in real estate.

Author's note: my hat is off to this dynamic duo on their 400th anniversary. A typical article runs about 1,000 words, sometimes more. This one, however, is a special. It's a tribute to the duo who have written with over 12,000 columns, 1,000 feet, 333 yards and 11 miles. Thanks to you both.

From a young age, Anet was involved in the theater. She acted and directed and she thoroughly enjoyed both. In college, theater was her major and afterward, she worked as a stage manager for her own acting school for a while. She was the house manager for the Berkeley Rep.

Just before she went into real estate, she had a different sort of experience in the field, as a fund-raiser for the A.C.T. That job was when the 1989 earthquake hit the A.C.T. offices and the theater. It was then that Anet decided to give real estate a whirl.

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She told me one day, probably in her second year as an agent, that she'd had a revelation. She loved, she said "real-life theater." Then she repeated it: "The comedy and drama of what we do everyday is real-life theater."

She liked it far better, she realized, than acting or directing or being a producer because "It's authentic. No script has been written; real life is all 'improv.'"

Anet doesn't go to the theater anymore, not because she no longer likes it, but because she is engaged fully, pretty much every single day, in her job, and she loves it. "We get to deal with people who are in transition — making changes," she says.

"They experience a myriad of emotions. They're happy and they're sad, confused sometimes and determined at others. They get frustrated, need to vent, and they are also incredibly appreciative."

"It takes bravery to make changes in one's life. The whole scene is great. It is never boring. It's got 'juice!'"

She talks about Isabel. It was Isabel's birthday this week; she turned 87. How we have enjoyed Isabel, who sold through us the house that she and her husband Wes bought in 1941.

They had parties there, cooked food on the outside grill that Wes made, stayed up late, invited friends to sleep overnight in the fold-down, ship style bunk beds, also built by Wes.

Wes amassed tools of every kind and he built all manner of fun and useful items, including wooden water skis for himself and Isabel, canoe paddles, Christmas tableau figures for the yard. Isabel sewed drapes and tablecloths and she upholstered furniture made by Wes.

They went on vacations from that house and returned home again after traveling on ocean steamers to far away lands. Isabel told us about



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the trips, even dug out old photos to illustrate her stories.

It was a good life for 60 years, and obvious to us that these two were very much in love. Then Wes got sick, was hospitalized for several months, and Isabel was at home alone, traveling by bus to see Wes most everyday until he died.

We met Isabel and her sister Ann, and Ann's husband Bud, and we loved knowing one another, all of us. Between us, we got the house inspected, Wes' tools disposed of, and the house sold, delivered into the hands of a couple who are about the same age as Isabel and Wes were when they bought the house.

Isabel, Ann and Bud, with very little help, moved all of Isabel's belongings, including the most tightly packed freezer we've ever seen, up the numerous stairs to the front of Isabel's house, or down the numerous stairs to the back driveway.

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BRICK WALKWAYS AND WALLS plus unusual chimneys help give the home at 166 Tunnel Road in Berkeley a European charm and flavor.

Hillside estate a Yelland masterpiece

■ Tennis court and swimming pool also part of 1.25-acre property

BY LINNEA SMITH JESSUP
CORRESPONDENT

A brick driveway edged by roses and adorned by large lanterns leads from Berkeley's busy Tunnel Road to an estate that evokes a feeling of a different era. The home, designed by architect William Yelland in 1927, is intimate and charming. Elements such as clinker brick, unusually shaped redwood beams, metal wall sconces and dark wood floors contrast appealingly with light stucco, creating a series of comfortable and distinctive rooms.

From the exterior, the two-story home looks European, with a pair of chimneys — one rounded with

a tower, a glass-enclosed porch and a terra cotta tile roof. Large trees and other landscaping provide privacy and natural beauty, and the terraced lot includes a tennis court on a lower level. The long rectangular pool is separated from the rear of the house by a wide lawn and adorned with classic white columns on three sides.

Yelland was unconventional in his designs, and this approximately 4,150-square-foot house showcases such elements as a fireplace wall that billows out, curved beams that help visually lead people up the staircase and even a colorful ceiling mural supposedly painted by the architect. Sharp eyes will also focus on a gargoyle or two and linger on the living room's window seat created with the same brick as the fireplace wall. The window

frames a wide view of the bay. There's a small brick patio outside which enjoys the same view.

Recent owners have updated the house with such additions as a sound system and improved lighting. Living room shelves have recessed lighting and track lighting has been installed along the beams which peak in the center of the ceiling.

The adjoining dining room has burgundy plaster walls and its main lighting fixture is brass with leather lamp shades. Two sets of French doors open onto the back yard with its brick walkways and profusion of roses, jasmine and rhododendrons.

A small den to the right of the front entry has a brick fireplace and built-in shelves and cupboards with

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WOODEN BEAMS, a rounded fireplace, inset shelves and large windows distinguish the living room and wide entry.

Yelland

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paned glass windows looking out over other gardens which thrive on this double lot.

The kitchen retains its original feel with a small booth with benches, but the table top is 21st century style granite, as are the kitchen cupboard and the island tops. The island has a wine refrigerator and a gleaming copper hood crowns the stove.

Just off the kitchen is a small room with a full bath. Currently being used as an office, it's painted a soft sage green. A second bedroom also has a full bath

VITAL STATISTICS

What: Historic William Yelland-designed two-story home at 166 Tunnel Road in Berkeley.

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Bedrooms: Five

Bathrooms: Four

Features: Unusual design features and extensive use of clinker brick, huge lawn area with long pool, extensive landscaping, private tennis court, wine cellar and sauna.

Price: \$3,450,000

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— also updated with marble.

Upstairs, the master bedroom has a mural on the fireplace chimney and a large window faces the bay. Marble tile enhances the

bathroom which has a glass shower as well as a sunken tub, double sinks and a skylight. In addition to a walk-in closet there's a small dressing room with a window seat facing the pool area and a chandelier.

A passageway leads to another room, now an office, with dark red plaster walls and wall sconces. There are two other bedrooms, one in sage and one in blue, plus an enclosed sun porch accessible from both these bedrooms.

The level below the main floor houses the laundry room, a wine cellar and a sauna. There's also a two-car garage and an exterior door to what's now an exercise room.

The property's full tennis court is access via gravel paths which are edged by agapanthus, boxwood and other greenery. Overlooking the court is a small terrace area, shaded by a huge oak tree.

Garden lanterns help make this a lovely setting at night.



THE HOMES DEN WITH ITS MURAL ceiling, fireplace and paned windows makes a cozy and cheerful spot.

Seven deadly sins of buying and selling

Buying and selling a home is complicated. Considering this is one of the most expensive purchases you will make, it pays to learn the worst pitfalls to avoid.

NUMBER 1: NOT UNDERSTANDING THE MARKET. Buyers and sellers need to comprehend whether it is a normal, buyer's or seller's market. In a normal market, it usually takes 30 to 90 days to generate an accepted contract on a listing. In a buyer's market, listings linger even longer. Obviously, the more time properties take to sell, the more advantageous it is for buyers.

From 1991 through 1995, a number of buyers paid unnecessarily high sums for homes that had peaked in value and volume years before. When these folks became sellers before the market turned upward in 1997, they lost, not made, money.

NUMBER 2: UNDERESTIMATING THE PROCESS. For buyers, especially first time ones, searching for a home may be like a part-time job. There are many steps to take and an abundance of information to be digested. If you are in the buying mode, learn as much as you can about the process. Do not take it for granted.

Many homeowners wish they had been more knowledgeable when they bought. This is especially true when people buy "As Is" without truly knowing what that means. Similarly, a lack of familiarity with different neighborhoods could lead to a buying blunder.

Some sellers believe that selling a home is just a matter of finding a buyer. In actuality, the process involves careful analysis of the property and location in light of current market conditions. Accurate pricing and effective marketing is an art requiring competence and years of relevant experience.

NUMBER 3: NOT HAVING INSPECTIONS. In today's competitive atmosphere, some buyers erroneously waive their right to have inspections. Sometimes, this is because they have copies of the seller's reports. Although this is better than none at all, every buyer should hire his own professionals to thoroughly evaluate the condition of the property. Not doing so is extremely risky.

If you are thinking about selling, how can you correctly price your home without an accurate picture of its condition? If this sounds logical, ponder the fact that at least 80 to 90 per cent of all listings come on the market without a pre-sale in-

spection by the seller. When the buyer asks you for large price adjustments or credits, it will become evident how beneficial it is to have inspections before marketing.

NUMBER 4: DISMISSING DISCLOSURES. For buyers, the challenge is to pay attention to the clues resulting from a seller's disclosures. For example, a seller may say: "sub-area sometimes gets wet during heavy rains." Translated, this means there is probably a drainage problem that requires investigation by an engineer or drainage expert. Sellers are obligated to disclose everything that is, or could be, a problem impacting the value or desirability of the house. This includes telling the buyer in writing about past problems that were repaired.

For instance, if you fixed a roof leak, it must be reported to all prospective buyers. If the fix was not effective or long-lasting, and you did not disclose it, you could have considerable liability. This includes repair or replacement of the roof, plus any subsequent damage caused by the leak.

Especially important is any work done without permit and/or not to code. Failure to disclose is one of the most common causes of action by buyers against sellers.

NUMBER 5: TAKING THE CONTRACT LIGHTLY. Once ratified, a written contract is a legally binding agreement. The seller has a right to rely on your good faith and willingness to perform. As an example, after you have removed your inspection and financing contingencies, you decide to switch lenders.

This will likely delay the close of escrow. The seller may have made financial commitments that he will not be able to keep if the escrow closes late. You, the buyer, could have heavy liability if the seller suffers because of your breach.

Sellers, likewise, need to take the contract seriously. I have seen situations where, while in escrow, the seller's circumstances change and he no longer wishes to sell. Meanwhile, the buyer has fully per-

formed and he has been based on the seller's sale. Although sellers are forced by the courts to sell (performance), this failure could cost a seller dearly. Whether you are a buyer or seller, take the time to understand what you are doing.

NUMBER 6: BEING TOUGH WITH THE BUCK. Over the years, I have seen numerous buyers who have had an opportunity to chase a good house at a price within their budget, but they did not offer enough. When they push too hard on the price, they usually lose.

This phenomenon occurs every type of market. If you bought at the time, they would have substantial equity in the house. Sellers often make the same error in pricing the home. They want the price to sit, unsold, and then the price is adjusted into a market range.

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Lessons from Havana: adaptive reuse in the Carribean

Many cities in the world are as suited for adaptive reuse as Havana, Cuba. Once the "Paris of the Caribbean," Havana has architectural treasures that feature every style of architecture ever known from Europe during the centuries. Most of these buildings are slowly disappearing under the hot, tropical

climate. In recent years, an increasing number of these elegant structures has been restored and put to new uses. These adaptive reuse projects are always the result of a joint effort between the Cuban government and

foreign companies. In the case of the Plaza Vieja, the restoration was a joint effort between the Cuban government and a French company.

Many of these historic buildings are UNESCO World Heritage sites. UNESCO has designated a sizable portion of the historic section of Havana as an official "World Heritage Site."

One of the largest and most impressive of Havana's many adaptive reuse projects now nearing completion is the old square in the heart of the Habana Vieja district known as "Plaza Vieja."

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Another seller miscalculation is to base an offer based on price without considering the other factors. Competent agents counsel sellers to pick the contract with the highest price and the best terms of closing escrow. Sellers who heed this advice often receive failed escrows and, ultimately, lower net proceeds.

NUMBER 7 CHOOSING THE WRONG AGENT. Bearing in mind the long-term impact of your decision, take care in selecting an agent. Do not take the path of least resistance and decide the first agent who is willing to work with you. This is a common mistake.

A soft, unthreatening voice or a friendly smile and agreeable nature are no substitute for the myriad of skills and the degree of caring required to do a good job for you.

Even if several people you know and respect have recommended one salesperson, you should still take the time to interview him before making a commitment. You need an agent who will represent your best interests.

Final thoughts
The worst sin is looking back and realizing you could have done a better job in handling your real estate transaction. An effective agent can help you avoid the traps

and blind alleys. The difference between a positive and profitable experience and a negative and costly, one is the choices you make.

For my previous, related articles, on all topics covered above, visit my Web site at www.eastbay-realtor.com, or call me.

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Owning A Piece of History

In the center of Plaza Vieja is an elegant stone fountain, with a wide basin and four dolphins that gush water from their mouths. The original fountain was demolished in the 1930s, but it was rebuilt when the restoration of the plaza was begun in 1999.

This square was once the scene of bullfights, fiestas, executions, parades, and even musical concerts because of its perfect acoustics. Some of the new tenants who have occupied the restored buildings around the Plaza Vieja include: the Cinema Habana, the Benny More Taverna (an upscale bar with the personal effects of Cuba's most famous singer and composer), two high class hotels for tourists, Fototeca (the state agency that features the works of Cuban photographers), and the Galleria Pequeno Formato (which displays miniature scale modern paintings and sculptures).

The impressive Casa de los Condes de Jaruco, on the south side of the square, was once a mansion built for a Spanish count between 1733 and 1737. Today it houses several stylish art galleries and boutiques.

The Plaza de San Francisco has more in common with our own City by the Bay than just its name. Along the eastern edge of

the plaza is a massive ferry building, the Terminal Sierra Maestra, which opens onto the cobblestoned 16th century square. In the middle of the plaza stands an 1836 marble fountain known as the Fountain of the Lions. There was once an open air market held here, and Spanish galleons and slave ships unloaded their cargo.

Looming over the northern edge of the Plaza de San Francisco is the ornate, five-story Lonja Comercio, or Goods Exchange Building. Built in 1907, it is a splendid example of French Beaux Arts style public architecture, and would fit in nicely along the streets of Paris.

The exterior was painstakingly restored about four years ago, but the interior was totally remodeled, and it now houses offices for international corporations, foreign news bureaus, and various tour and travel agencies.

The Church and Convent of San Francisco de Asis are magnificent examples of the Spanish Baroque Style, begun in 1719 and completed in 1737, with an adjoining convent built in 1739. The 140 foot tall bell tower of the church offers a superb view of the narrow streets of Habana Vieja.

After being closed for many years, these buildings were restored recently and now house a museum of religious art, a modern art gallery, and a concert hall.

Five blocks to the north lies Havana's oldest square, the Plaza de Armas, the Plaza of Military Arms. It was originally laid out in 1519, the same year the city was founded, and soon became Havana's administrative center. The plaza was rebuilt in the later half of the 18th Century, and lined with grander public buildings, all of which still survive today. On Sundays, the square is the site of

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The most important building on Plaza de Armas is the Palacio de los Capitanes Generales. This was the Spanish governor's palace, built between 1770 and 1780, and it's a splendid example of Spanish Baroque, with a Renaissance style loggia lining the facade as well as the cloisters inside.

Today, this impressive edifice houses the Museum of the History of Havana, complete with a working model of a sugar plantation, a canon made of leather, and a throne room for the King of Spain in case he ever visited (he never did).

On the north side of the square is the Baroque arched Palacio del Segundo Cabo, or Palace of the Second Lieutenant. It was built in 1770 as the city's main post office, then served as the home of the Vice-Governor General of Cuba.

Today it is occupied by the Instituto del Cubano Libro, or Cuban Book Institute, as well as a popular bookstore.

Along the south side of the Plaza Armas are several charming art galleries, shops, and restaurants housed in renovated historic buildings.

They look out at the revered statue of Manuel Cespedes in the center of the square. Cespedes was the leader of the first major Cuban rebellion against the Spanish, known as the Ten Years War, from 1868 until 1878.

The most charming restaurant on Plaza Armas is the Restaurante Cubano, which occupies a yellow 17th century mansion that was once a college for orphan girls. It has an open air cafe facing the square called the cafe Myna, which has shady canopies overhead and leafy shrubbery all around.

There is a fine view of the Plaza Armas from the Cafe Myna, where the romantic atmosphere is enhanced by the tall trees on the square lit by lacy metal lamp posts at night. Here visitors can sit in comfort as Cuban musicians serenade them, and watch as lovers stroll by hand-in-hand, and occasionally stop to kiss. From this spot, it is quite clear why this beautiful city was dubbed the "Paris of the Caribbean."

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A home seller's worst nightmare is selling to a buyer who disappears mysteriously at some point during the transaction. The deal never closes, leaving the seller in the lurch just before moving day. As worrisome as this scenario seems, in reality this sort of calamity rarely happens.

Occasionally a buyer gets cold feet soon after his offer is accepted and backs out of the deal. This can happen if a buyer gets caught up in the frenzy of a multiple offer competition. When he realizes that he's in over his head, he regrets his decision and asks to be released from the contract.

Although disappointing, the damage is usually minimal when a transaction collapses early on. In a multiple offer situation, the seller may have negotiated a back-up contract with another eager buyer. In this case, the seller moves directly from the primary contract to the backup contract without having to market the property again.

House hunting tip: Usually when a real estate transaction falls apart it's for a good reason, and not due to the buyer's whim. Typical problems involve property inspections and financing.

But with a good team of real estate professionals on your side, many of the problematic issues that arise during a transaction can be resolved satisfactorily. The key is to anticipate what could go wrong. By anticipating potential problems, you can often safeguard against them.

Buyers can avoid most financing problems by getting preapproved for the financing they need to complete the purchase

before they even make an offer to buy a home. A preapproved buyer has already been approved for a mortgage by the lender. His credit has been checked and his employment and down payment funds have been verified. He's ready to go.

Sellers who receive an offer they like from a buyer who hasn't been preapproved should include a provision in the contract for the buyer to be preapproved within a day or two of acceptance of the contract. This way, if the buyer is unable to do so, you haven't wasted much time.

Even with a preapproved buyer, there's always a chance that the property won't appraise for the purchase price. A low appraisal can put a transaction in jeopardy.

It's a good idea for the buyer's agent to meet the appraiser at the property armed with recent comparable sales. This helps to insure that the property does appraise for the sale price.

The most common reason that real estate transactions fall apart is inspections. Buyers should include an inspection contingency in any home purchase contract.

A home inspection will almost certainly reveal defects. Even brand new homes have defects. If defects are discovered that the buyer can't live with, and that the sellers are unwilling or unable to correct, the transaction can collapse.

Sellers are wise to disclose any known defects to the buyers before an offer is made. Most states have seller disclosure requirements that require sellers to disclose material facts.

A material fact is anything that will effect a buyer's decision to buy or the price he'd be willing to pay.

In addition, sellers should consider having pre-inspections done

Usually when a real estate transaction falls apart it's for a good reason, and not due to the buyer's whim. Typical problems involve property inspections and financing.

before their home goes on the market. For example if the roof leaks, disclose it. Then take the next step and find out what it will cost to repair it, and make the estimate available to the buyers before they make their offer.

The closing: The more information the buyers have upfront about the property they're trying to buy, the better. This minimizes the chances of the deal falling apart due to inspections.

Dian Hymer is author of "House Hunting, the Take-Along Workbook for Home Buyers", and "Starting Out, the Complete Home Buyer's Guide," Chronicle Books. She is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Oakland/Piedmont office. She can be reached at 510-339-4777.



DIAN HYMER
House Hunting

A look around the real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

ATTENTION PUBLIC

Must For Homeowners

If you are preparing to build or remodel, don't miss out on this six-day intensive course. The "Homeowners Essential Course: How To Build, Remodel and Maintain Your Home" is presented by The Building Education Center in Berkeley. The class is held Monday, July 22 through Saturday, July 27 with instructor/architect **Curtis Burbick**. For tuition information call the BEC at 510-525-7610.

Free Green Workshop

Are you preparing your home for sale? Thinking of remodeling? Well...think green. Here's a free workshop on ways to incorporate green building materials and methods into your home remodeling and improvements. Alameda County Waste Management invites you to attend at the Berkeley Public Library on Thursday, July 24. Call 510-614-1699 for more details.

Talking Walls

The Lawrence Hall of Science, in Berkeley presents "If These Walls Could Talk: An Exhibit About Buildings", now through Sept. 8. Visitors learn about ancient and modern structures "Walls" has ten activity stations focused on building. To find out more visit the Web site at www.lawrencehallscience.org or call 510-634-8980

Workshops For Everyone

Karen Ward of RE Loan Mortgage in Albany is the facilitator for a variety of workshops for the homebuyer. The "Home-

buyer Finance" workshop is a review of the overall loan process and covers loan programs, credit reports and lender guidelines. The "Woman To Woman Workshop" educates women on the basic principles of home buying. Issues and concerns dealing with women are addressed in "womanspeak." For more information and dates of upcoming workshops contact Ward at 510-559-4000

Senior Care Guides

Georgia Richardson of Richardson Real Estate Services is offering *New Lifestyles*, an area guide to senior residences and care options. Guides are available for the San Francisco Bay or the Sacramento-North Bay areas. To obtain a complimentary issue, contact Richardson at 510-569-3499.

BAR UPDATE

■ Attention new members. The Berkeley Association of Realtors invites all new members to attend an orientation meeting on Friday, July 26. The orientation will be followed by a reception in honor of new members and "old" Realtor and affiliate members are encouraged to attend.

■ Attend the Berkeley Association of Realtors monthly, networking luncheon. The next timely topics luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 31. Reservations are a must. Contact Don Clark at the BAR office for information and reservations at 510-848-4288

CYBER AGENT

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FOOD, BASEBALL
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MEMBERS REUNION
As part of the Real Estate Oldtimers Reunion Luncheon, the re-started ten years ago and is a childhood of **Bob Valva** of Valva in Oakland. "It's an opportunity to get together with friends and old acquaintances from the past," said Valva. "People get busy and lose touch. This reunion is a fun way to catch up." Real estate agents and affiliates from Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro, aged fifty-five and over are invited. If you would like to be on the mailing list or receive more information call Valva at 510-451-7137.

TOUR DAY BREAKFAST
Oakland Realtors are invited to Oakland affiliates at the Tour Day Breakfast. The breakfast is at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, July 25, at the OAR Building. Bring marketing flyers and appetites. Be a winner of one of many prizes. Network more — more. For questions and parking information call **Ingrid Westgard** at 510-339-9800 or **Aldeed Jerome** of Fidelity Real Estate at 510-339-9800.

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ATTENTION MORTGAGE BROKERS
The California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL) and the California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMB) have monthly dinner meetings, with guest speakers. CARL meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. CAMB meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. To find out more call these organization's hotlines. The CARL Hotline is 925-746-1847. The CAMB Hotline is 925-275-2663.

WHO'S ON FIRST
■ **Ira Serkes** spoke at the opening session of "Real Estate Connect", recently held in San Francisco. Serkes is a Realtor with RE/Max Bay Area in Berkeley. To say "good job" call him at 510-526-6668.
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"Every night the data is refreshed from the Multiple Listing Service and there's no conditional use for property searches." Although most major brokerages provide consumers access to their own listings via their Web sites, few have had the technology in place or the willingness to aggregate and disclose all MLS listings.

"Our bringing 60,000 properties to consumers for a look-see is just a few weeks old—we are the first out with this," noted Pearson. "And we commissioned Ray Brown, the author of 'Home Buying for Dummies' and 'House Selling for Dummies' to add his real estate expertise to the PruWeb.com interactive library."

"We've made it easier for the public to have all the information," said Ken Cook, chief information officer for Prudential, who works in the company's main office in Pleasanton. According to Cook, Prudential's new information system has been in the works for three years.

However, technology notwithstanding, Prudential believes that one indispensable element in real estate is the skilled and motivated sales associate. "Although real estate is going global, we still need the neighborhood specialists," said Marlene Daniels Bottano, Piedmont's Prudential Realty manager. "They know the nuances of real estate and they've done their homework."

Bottano's office recently added a unique listing to its inventory—a castle. The Castel Vitano in Umbria, Italy is a romantic, enchanting treasure with the storybook tower, main house and guest rooms, which can accommodate 15 people and is majestically nestled in an extraordinary four-acre landscape. Closer to home she offers a lodging property. The Headlands Bed and Breakfast Inn, in Mendocino Village.

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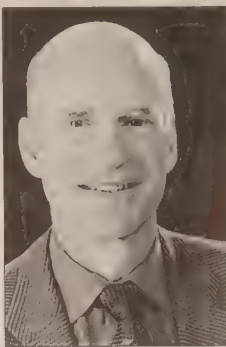
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,595,000
6276 ACACIA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 Dramatic & elegant Claremont Pines home
 5BR/3.5BA, gourmet kit, luxurious master,
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 1 scan-like view. Dee Knowland x1318

BERKELEY \$1,200,000
1418-20 SPRUCE ST. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Beautiful 3++BR/2BA Victo-
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 Leslie Avant x1341

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13685 CAMPUS DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 Dramatic 4 bridge view! Fabulous pool/spa
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 vistas. 4+BR/3BA, spacious kitchen/lam rm,
 private drive, .8 acres. Robyn Mohr x1310

MONTCLAIR \$895,000
6133 RUTHLAND RD. (Open 2-4:30)
 5BR/3BA custom traditional w/formal
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 garage. Wendy Gardner x1303

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$699,000
5615 MASONIC AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 Updated contemporary ranch. Beamed
 ceiling in living room, spacious family room,
 yard. 4BR/3BA. Teri Carlisle x1305

MONTCLAIR \$689,000
8 KESWICK CT. (Open 2-4:30)
 Wonderful contemporary w/great room
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 ful finish work. 3+BR/2.5BA, huge office,
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KENSINGTON \$649,000
213 YALE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 Elegant & stylish 3BR/2.5BA home
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OAKMORE \$649,000
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 garage. 3BR/2BA. Michelle Vasey x1359

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 New Listing! Unique bay view 3BR/2BA
 home. Remodeled kitchen, updated baths,
 new exterior paint, hardwood floors, private
 setting. Michelle Miller x1335

PIEDMONT \$565,000
24 FAIRVIEW AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Charming craftsman. 3BR/
 2BA, FDR, fireplace, eat-in kitchen, level-
 in, convenient location. Bob & Carolyn
 Nelson x1345

PIEDMONT \$550,000
110 OLIVE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! 3BR/1.5BA home near Pied-
 mont & Grand Avenues. Level rear yard,
 view of Rose Garden. Formal dining room,
 eat-in kitchen, basement workshop space
 & office. 2-car garage. Lee Jacobson x1309

MONTCLAIR \$529,000
6529 LIGGETT DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Charming 1920's Tudor w/
 fabulous period details. Hardwood floors,
 2BR/2BA, large lot. Near Montclair
 Village. Joanna Hirsch x1366

Open Sunday

SAN LEANDRO \$489,000
13815 VELARDE DR. (Open 1-4)
 New Listing! Single level 3BR/2BA ranch
 style home on quiet street in Assump-
 tion Parish neighborhood. Family room
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 Approx. 1658 sq. ft. Candy Benny x1328

MONTCLAIR \$429,000
6949 PINEHAVEN RD. (Open 2-4:30)
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 living w/lots of windows. Trees & canyon
 view. Nancy Chew x1342

PIEDMONT \$3,350,000
 Incredible estate property. 5-BR residence
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$3,100,000
 Magnificent property in beautiful
 Claremont Pines. Built in 1935. 5BR/6.5BA,
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CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,250,000
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 view. Fabulous floor plan, superb quality
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Up Appointment

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 Historic estate on the Piedmont side of
 Montclair. Approx. 1/2 acre of gardens. Pano
 views. Gourmet kitchen, high tech medlar
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 condition. Helen Danhaki x1356

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 Classic Craftsman on 1/3 acre level lot. 5+BR/
 5+BA w/lush landscaping & swimming pool
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 hot tub. Updated. Great gardens on .99+/-
 acre site. Leslie Avant x1341

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BERKELEY \$795,000
 Charming light filled Traditional w/
 3+BR/2BA. Near Tilden Park. Beautiful
 views, pretty private garden, nicely
 updated. Leslie Avant x1341

MONTCLAIR \$695,000
 Charming English close to Montclair
 Village. 3+BR/2BA formal dining room
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LAKE MERRITT \$619,000
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 dining area, family room off kitchen, decks
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 regional parks. Nancy Moore x1302

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 4BR/2BA Beautiful brown shingle
 craftsman w/architectural details. Built-
 ins, leaded glass, high coved ceilings.
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 3BR/1BA fixer in great location near Solano
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 Charming 2BR/1BA in-laid hardwood
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Questions & answers: Repairing sweaty windows

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q. I have casement windows that used to have blinds between the two panes of glass. The previous owner removed the blinds. The windows sweat terribly. Must I replace the windows or is there some type of repair? They sweat winter and summer. I need a permanent repair not a temporary fix.

A. When the last owner removed the blinds, he permanently broke the airtight seal around your insulated glass windows. It is interesting that the prior owner had the wherewithal to disassemble the windows, remove the blinds and reassemble everything without realizing he was destroying the insulative value of the windows.

The brand you have is probably Pella. They have been making this type of window for a long time. Call a Pella dealer and ask to have just the insulated glass sections replaced. Pella will probably be more expensive than a local glass company, but the warranty might be better. With insulated glass, warranty is everything. Some window companies now offer lifetime warranties.

Peeling floors

Q. We used to clean our wood floors with Murphy's oil. About six months ago we had them refinished with water-based polyurethane. Now the floors are starting to peel. We have never used Murphy's on the newly refinished floor. What can we do to slow or stop the peeling? How can we prevent this from happening a second time?

A. The floors are probably peeling because you used Murphy's Oil Soap on a polyurethane finish or the existing finish wasn't properly prepared. Many manufacturers of polyurethane products recommend against using Murphy's on their finish. Where you would normally screen (lightly sand) the floor to prepare it for a fresh coat, because you used Murphy's Oil Soap, you will need to sand off all the finish down to bare wood. Then, we suggest that you apply three to five coats of oil-base polyurethane. When it comes to cleaning a hardwood floor with a hard surface finish, a soft cloth dampened slightly with warm water is your best bet.

Winans

FROM PAGE B6

Room Addition, and Best Exterior Face Lift. Judged by the staff of *Southern Living* magazine, *Sunset* magazine, and *Home* magazine, 18 remodeling companies from the Western U.S. were selected winners from over 75 entries covering all types of remodeling projects from 10 western states.

The entries were judged on overall design, the creative use of space and materials, and the degree to which the project enhanced the original structure.

"The purpose of the awards is to identify remodeling companies who are the best at what they do," says Ken Kanline, director of the awards. "This is the third consecutive year in which Paul and Nina Winans have won a Chrysalis Award. This demonstrates their

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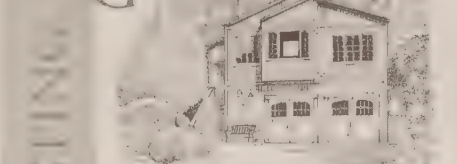
A recipient of numerous local and national awards, Winans Construction is a 24-year-old firm specializing in residential remodeling in the East Bay. Co-owners Paul and Nina Winans are both National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) Certified Remodelers.

Paul has given many seminars to homeowners over the past several years and writes the *From the Ground Up* column on construction for Hills Publications. You can visit their Web site at www.wincon.com.

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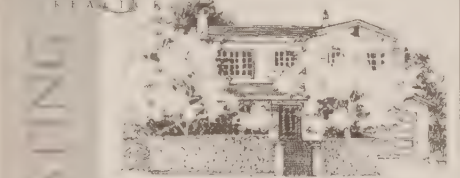
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The Reality of Real Estate Investing by Allen Watkins (First Edition, Chicago, 2001), 179, 180 pages. Available in paperback or by special order at better prices, public libraries and Amazon.com.

Whether you are a novice or a seasoned real estate investor, "The Reality of Real Estate Investing" by Allen Watkins will teach you new techniques of looking at property investments. But this is not an ordinary book. Instead, it explains techniques that have been effective for Watkins on the South Side of Chicago, where he acquires investment real estate. Although the property prices seem abnormally low there, it's the ideas that are important, not the prices, which have probably inflated since he acquired many of his properties.

But don't expect a perfect book. I cringed when the author twice mentioned a "quick claim deed." The correct term is "quitclaim deed," meaning a deed conveying the grantor's ownership interest in that property. But the book is so good, readers can overlook the minor grammatical errors (the author admits he enlisted in the Navy and never graduated from high school).

This no-nonsense book shares acquisition methods that

What I especially like about Watkins' style is he begins with the basics of realty investing, starting with the first chapter on why real estate can be a profitable investment.

The author then concentrates on buying distress properties, especially foreclosures, and explains the details along the way. Although he relates to Illinois foreclosure procedures, readers in other states can easily adapt to procedures in their states.

Although I enjoyed reading this book, it could have been better had the author shared personal experiences from his realty investing career, which began in

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Dear Steve: Yes, I am shocked you were not promptly notified the rental house was left to you by your deceased friend. The property management company has an obligation to both you and the trust for an accounting of the rents received and expenses paid.

Although it takes time for the estate executor to pay the deceased's bills and transfer title to you, meanwhile you are entitled to know your inherited property is not being mismanaged. If necessary, retain an attorney to assert your legal rights.

Is homeowner obligated to pay \$400 refinancing error?

Dear Bob: I recently refinanced my home mortgage. A week after the closing, the firm that handled everything contacted me and said there was an error, so I owe an additional \$400. Am I obligated to pay it? — Suzanne K.

Dear Suzanne: The answer is it depends. What was the error? If it was a unilateral error and you had no reason to know about the other party's mistake, under contract law you are not obligated to pay. However, if you knew of the error, such as a failure to charge you for an appraisal, then you are obligated to pay.

I had a similar situation happen to me several years ago. I told the firm that handled the property sale they are very well-paid to handle the transaction correctly and that they should eat any mistake they made. That was the last I heard about it.

Maybe you are just being tested to see if you will pay. If you don't think you owe the money, don't pay. However, if the firm sues you in small claims court and you owe the money, it's probably better to settle than to have a judgment show up on your credit report.

The medical care exception for \$250,000 home-sale tax break

Dear Bob: We have certainly benefited from information in your many articles. But now I have my mother's house on the market for sale. She suffers from Alzheimer's disease. My parents lived in this home for about 25 years. Dad died in January 1996. He was the primary caregiver for my mother. After he died, I hired a 24-hour-a-day caregiver for a few weeks. Then I moved her to an assisted living facility closer to my home. The house has been rented since then. Is it possible for her to still qualify for the \$250,000 tax exclusion on the sale of her home now? — Ellen W.

Dear Ellen: Internal Revenue Code 121 allows principal residence sellers a tax exemption up to \$250,000 (up to \$500,000 for a married couple filing jointly) if they owned and occupied their home an "aggregate" two years during the five years before sale.

But there is a medical care exception when the owner does not meet this occupancy test. Under this special exception, if your

mother occupied her home at least one year during the five years before the sale and if she moved to a licensed medical facility, then she could qualify for up to \$250,000 tax-free home-sale profits.

However, if your mother moved out of the house in early 1996, it appears she does not meet the one-year occupancy test during the last five years. Please consult your tax adviser for further details.

Follow up with lender after paying off home loan

Dear Bob: Last May, we made the final payment on our home loan. As you suggested, we included a note with that last check stating this was our final payment and we want proof the loan is removed from our home's title. I've followed up with several phone calls to the lender.

But I keep hearing, "I'll get back to you on that." What should I look for if I go down to the county deed recorder's office? — Derek G.

Dear Derek: Congratulations on paying off your home loan. Very few people keep a home long

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1983. Finally, Watkins includes 25 "Case in Point" examples that make fascinating reading. Don't miss them.

In other words, he saved the best for last. Frankly, these real-life experiences would have been more valuable if they were spread throughout the book in appropriate chapters.

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This is a practical guide explaining how to earn real investment profits. On my one to 10, it rates a nine



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enough to pay off a 30-year mortgage. By now, you should have received either a recorded satisfaction of mortgage or a deed of reconveyance, plus the canceled promissory note.

Ask the county recorder to show you how to check for these documents affecting your home's title. If you don't find them, it's time to put pressure on your lender to remove your home loan from your home's title.



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Home lighting is about creating an atmosphere

Use different types of bulbs and lamps to create different moods and atmospheres in a room to get the right ambience.

BY MICHAEL WALSH

Lighting is taken for granted, and we accept its practical importance without question. We don't always consider its creative potential.

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entific about home lighting, and you don't need a degree in electrical engineering to achieve dramatic results.

Sometimes it can help to think about lighting specific objects and surfaces in a room rather than lighting the room itself. With directional recessed ceiling fixtures or track lights, and using narrow-beam halogen bulbs, you can spotlight a tabletop flower arrangement or a painting on the wall.

Because your eye is always drawn to the brightest object or surface in a room, spotlighting various objects or specific surfaces throughout a room creates dramatic focal points — a bowl of fruit on a coffee table, say, or a painting above a fireplace mantel. Reflected light from spotlighted objects and surfaces automatically contributes to a room's overall lighting.

If you want to make a small room appear larger (at least at night), use spotlights or individual picture-frame lights to illuminate wall-mounted artwork around the room's perimeter. Or use low-wattage bulbs to softly light the walls themselves.

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Installing tiny halogen fixtures inside glass-fronted china cabinets, an entertainment center or kitchen cabinets will make them glow like lanterns. Halogen strip lighting or rope lighting can be concealed atop an entertainment center or an armoire for more low-level lighting of the usually shadowy spaces above.

Create pools of light

Individual table lamps can create pools of light throughout a room. Use translucent shades on some, opaque shades on others. The color, shape and scale of the lampshade will have an influence on the quality of light.

Match the shape and size of the shade to the proportions of the lamp base. And remember, you shouldn't be able to see the light bulb or the bulb socket when seated.

Think variety in table lamps, too. The height of the bulb at the top of the lamp and the width of the shade will determine the size of the pool of light you create. The wider the bottom of the shade, the broader the spill of light.

You can use very small lamps — 8 to 10 inches high, say — to add spots of light to bookshelves or fireplace mantels. Picture-frame lights attached to the top shelf of a bookcase can cast a soft light across the spines of books all the way to the floor.

Experiment with various kinds and wattages of light bulbs, too. Ordinary incandescents provide a warm, yellowish light. The light from halogen bulbs most closely resembles daylight and renders colors more accurately.

A pink placed bulb here and there could give a room a rosy glow. GE has just introduced its "Reveals" line of powder-blue bulbs that provide a crisp light than most incandescents on the market.

Finally, install dimmer switches wherever you can to fine-tune the amount of light. Dimmers are available as wall switches or, for table lamps, line switches.

These switches are really invaluable for balancing one light source in a room with another to eliminate glare and hot spots.

er the spotlight

Professional lighting designers worth consulting if you're doing a new home or renovation (old one) often speak in layers of light. Usually this is a combination of four types — ambient (or wall), task, accent and decorative. Typically each kind of light is controlled by a separate switch or timer.

Layering light you have the ability to create different moods in a room. Or you can adjust the amount of light to suit different activities.

The goal, however, is not to provide even lighting throughout a room. There's no drama, warmth or character in an evenly lit room. To create an atmosphere of hospitality, graciousness, intimacy and comfort, it is not uniformity, that matters most.

The essential principle of good lighting, then, is this: Multiple sources of varying intensities distributed purposefully throughout a room is what will produce the right combination of light and shadow that gives a room a specific atmosphere.

There's nothing particularly sci-

Lighting tricks

Lighting a poster or painting at the end of long hallway is a good way to draw attention away from the narrowness of the space. Up-lighting sconces can bounce light off a ceiling.

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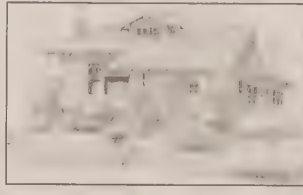
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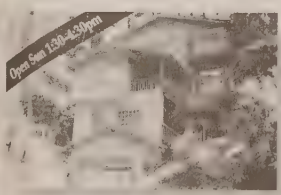
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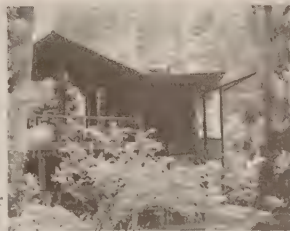
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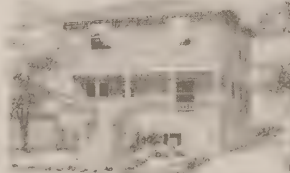
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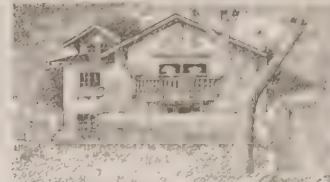
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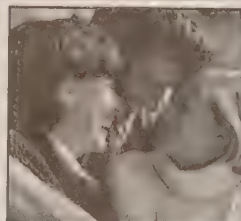
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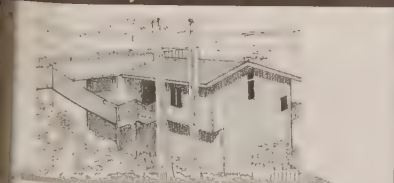
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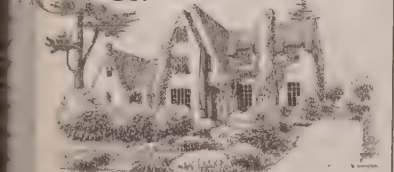
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Could you paint that furniture?

By ALAN HEAVENS
UNDER NEWSPAPERS

I bought two pieces of dining-room furniture with our eclectic taste in mind. The pieces, a sideboard and a chest, were painted sage green and professionally done. I took them to the factory, and showed the signs of age.

But when I got home, I found these pieces popped up in the catalog, the concept of painting has gone in and out of style at least a dozen times.

Other refinishing furniture as I can't count the number of painted pieces he was stripping and refinishing with stain to get the natural beauty back.

But some wood is just what you'd be better off with, which is my advice, after years of disappointments, of Victorian houses with wonderful painted molding.

Painting furniture seems to be back in, and if you are planning to tackle the job yourself, the folks at Glidden Paints suggest a few relatively foolproof ways to proceed:

Hunt for hidden treasure. Instead of hitting the flea markets or yard sales, look to see whether there is something already in the house that might be ready for a new look.

Prepare your canvas. After choosing a piece, lightly wash it with a mild solution of soap and water. If you choose paint from cans that already have been opened, first strain the paint through muslin into a clean container to remove any lumps. Apply an undercoat of paint. Allow the first coat to dry completely, and then apply a second coat. This neutral background prepares the piece for bolder colors and decorative elements.

Organize your color palette. Before you begin painting, plan your color scheme. One of the easiest ways to do so is by determining how you want a room to feel: bold and dramatic, bright and airy,

tranquil and subtle. Then go to the store, look at the paint chips, and try to group them by mood.

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1738 INDIAN WAY, MONTCLAIR...\$595,000
Sunday 2-5 Remodeled 3+BR/2BA Contemporary w/updated kitchen & bath. Master suite "media" plus room & wrap-around deck w/valley view. Michael Thompson...510.339.4700

9 KIMBERLEY CT., PIEDMONT PINES...\$529,000
Sunday 2-5 Piedmont Pines charmer! 2BR/1BA, great flexible space. Downstairs w/ two plus rooms, family room & laundry - all non-conforming. Mostly level yard. Views. Becky Anderson...510.339.4700

5307 BOYD AVE., ROCKRIDGE...\$525,000
Sunday 2-5 New listing! Gorgeous Craftsman brown-shingle. Walk to BART! Hardwood floors, fireplace, stained glass windows, boxed-beams, built-ins & more. Terrific backyard. Don Coelho...510.339.4700

823 CORNELL, ALBANY...\$509,000
Sunday 2-5 Tahoe living in central Albany. Much sought after 3BR/2BA, 2-car garage home. New hardwood & carpets. Lots of unique features. Herbal floral garden. View of hill. Suzanne Yamamoto...510.486.1495

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Sunday 2-4 Bay front's best unit. 3BR/3BA, high ceilings, FP. In excellent condition. 2-car garage, large yard. Many beautiful upgrades, open. Must see. Mamoud Mokhtar...510.486.1495

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Sunday 2-5 Just listed! Extra large 1BR ground floor condo w/attached patio for easy outdoor living. Light & bright. Decorator touches. Short walk to Piedmont Avenue. George Karsant...510.339.4700

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Sunday 1-4 1BR condo w/ recent upgrades. On tree-lined street near Piedmont Avenue. Jeffrey Neideman...510.339.4700

2550 MAXWELL, MAXWELL PARK...\$375,000
Sunday 2-5 Sharp 2BR/1BA Bungalow in desirable Maxwell Park. Hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, formal dining room & fireplace. Large level yard. Terry Kulka...510.339.4700

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6140 MAZUELA DR., MONTCLAIR...\$1,249,000
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5689 COLBOURNE PL., HILLCREST ESTATES...\$1,050,000
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7410 SKYLINE BLVD., MONTCLAIR...\$669,000
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626 KEY ROUTE BLVD., ALBANY...\$549,000
MacGregor style 2+BR/2BA. Hardwood floors, formal dining room, fireplace. Close to school & shopping. Large backyard. Appliances. \$999,000 to \$1,100,000. Henry Chang...510.486.1495

4325 TERRABELLA WAY, REDWOOD ESTATES...\$799,000
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10985 ELVESSA, CHABOT HIGHLANDS...\$699,000
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6267 GIRVIN DR., PIEDMONT PINES...\$549,000
Sunday 2-4 30 Contemporary, level-in 3BR/2BA. HWF, 2 FP, Lush landscaping. Jon Dunn...510.339.4700

406 EL CERRITO, PIEDMONT...\$509,000
Sunday 2-4 30 2+BR/1BA two-story brown shingle on nearly 1/2 acre (approx). Newer foundation & roof. Original condition. Deck, hardwood floor, formal dining room, fireplace. Peek of the Bay. 2-car garage. Basement. Victor Fierro...510.339.4700

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2406 BURLINGTON ST., LINCOLN HEIGHTS...\$449,000
Sunday 2-5 Spanish-style architectural integrity. One owner 3BR/1BA. HWF, fresh paint, moldings, split level, yard, view of the bay. Rachel Bailef...510.339.4700

4260 TERRACE ST., PIEDMONT AVENUE...\$399,000
Sunday 1-4 Charming Craftsman 2BR/1BA Great location. Jeffrey Neideman...510.339.4700

2420 RAMPART ST., LINCOLN HEIGHTS...\$376,000
Sunday 2-5 Charming 2BR/1BA Bungalow w/FP & large landscaped backyard. HWF, fresh paint, detached garage. Ready for you to move in! Claudia Bowman...510.339.4700

825 CHESTER ST. #6...\$359,000
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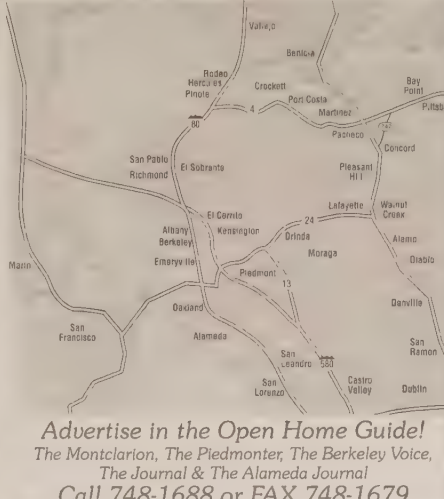
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Section C

Albany keeps on rolling

By Scott Strain

ALBANY — The Albany Little League story keeps getting more incredible with every game.

Winning its sixth straight game in seven days, Albany made it back from the losers bracket in the District 4 International Tournament and defeated Antioch East 2-1 in eight innings Wednesday night at Albany Village.

Each team — Albany and Antioch East — had one loss going into Thursday's final showdown.

Albany bested previously undefeated Antioch East and its ace pitcher Cole Macfarlane by scoring a run in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game at 1-1 and then winning it with a run off Antioch relief pitcher Justin Mancini in the bottom of the eighth.

"I think we've won or tied four games in the sixth or later," Albany manager Marvin Lamb said. "This team never quits."

Albany had been completely baffled by Macfarlane, who had struck out eight in five innings. Flashing a devastating breaking pitch and being helped by some good defense and questionable Albany baserunning, Macfarlane carried a 1-0 lead into the bottom of the sixth.

Chris Lamb led off and beat out a bunt single to third. Macfarlane got the next two outs, but Lamb had gone to second on a passed ball. Pat Harrington hit a slow bouncer to Mancini, then playing shortstop. Mancini grabbed the ball and threw to first, too late to get Harrington. Meanwhile Lamb, running flat out with two outs, rounded third and came home. In a very close play at the plate, Lamb beat the throw from first baseman Kevin Edelman to catcher Brandon Buck. In a continuation of the same play, Buck threw to second to try to get Harrington, but the ball went into center field for an error. Harrington tried to advance to third but was thrown out on a fine throw by center fielder Ryan Howard to end the inning.

By the time the dust had settled at home, second and third, Albany had tied the game at 1-1.

Albany threatened in the seventh (Long got an infield hit, but two fielder's choices and a grounder ended that) and Antioch East had a runner on in the top of the eighth (Buck had a bunt single, but after two strikeouts and a wild pitch, he was

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PATIL of the Berkeley Cricket Club scores a run for his team against Santa Clara. Patil is one of many members who spend their Sundays playing the game

Far from home, tradition continues

The Berkeley Cricket Club offers those from other countries a chance to play the game they grew up with.

By Mike McGreehan

Imagine yourself as a baseball player living in a country where the game does not have a following. You think of the many people who come to the U.S., leaving behind their favorite sports in their homelands.

Some of these folks fill the void by forming their own teams or leagues. Various adult soccer and rugby leagues exist in the Bay Area, for instance. Another popular participant sport is cricket.

A number of clubs exist in the region, including the Berkeley Cricket Club, an A (or top) Division team of the Northern California Cricket Association.

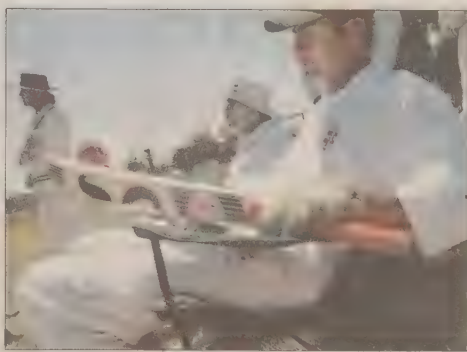
A bunch of (Cal) graduate students said "We need to play cricket," club secretary Naveed

Anwar said. "But they couldn't get funded (by the university). So they started this club, which has nothing to do with the university."

Not officially, perhaps. For the most part, though, the Berkeley Cricket Club members either received a degree from Cal or still are students there. And from April through September — with the possibility of some playoff matches that extend the season further into autumn — the team plays one-day matches against NCCA opponents at various sites. These matches usually take place Sundays.

"We all play this for recreational reasons," Anwar said. "Of course, we'd prefer to play Saturdays, but we're pretty flexible. On Saturdays our grounds generally have soccer or baseball."

Technically, the Berkeley Cricket Club has two home grounds. This year, however, the grounds at San Mateo High School have been unavailable because of construction on campus. This past Sunday, Anwar and his teammates took on the



AFFAN BUTT prepares a fresh bat to use. Many of the BCC's members either are attending Cal or have graduated from the school.

Santa Clara Cricket Club on the BCC's alternate home ground at Dayton Elementary School in San Leandro.

The Berkeley Cricket Club has come a long way since 1990, when John Knight formed the club with fellow cricket-loving

students at Cal.

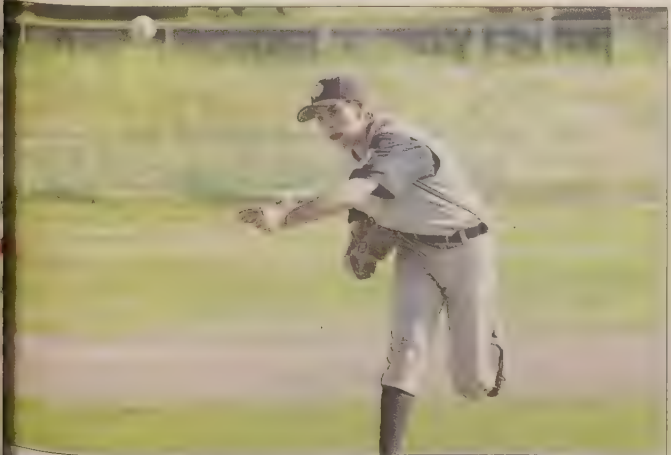
Though the hope of cricket becoming a club sport at Cal disappeared when the university failed to back it, the players persevered. At one time, a catcher on the Cal baseball team even served as a BCC wicketkeeper.

Of course, many changes have taken place these past 12 years. Many players — including founder Knight — have come and gone, but the current roster carries on the tradition of enthusiasm and love for cricket.

"Our team now is a combination of people from Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka," said Anwar, a Pakistan native who studied electrical engineering and computer science at Cal. "In those countries, you start (at a young age) by playing in the streets every day with a tennis ball."

The BCC and its fellow clubs offer players competition, fun and a whole lot more. Players will come a long way to satisfy their yen for cricket.

On Sunday, for instance, Anwar drove to San Leandro from his home in Santa Clara. Clubmate Partha Mamidipudi commuted from the opposite direction. Mamidipudi lives in Rodeo. "Basically, we all are friends," said Mamidipudi, who received a doctorate in ocean engineering



WITH OAKLAND'S Ali Weber Shapiro pitches against South Oakland on July 5.

SOLL rolls on to sectional play

South Oakland pounds

South Oakland rivals to

win title

By Mike McGreehan

STAFF WRITER

NUT CREEK — In baseball, the same two teams can pro-

vide completely different stories

one day to the next. Take

the District 4 Junior Division All-

Stars from the North Oak-

land League as an example.

On Friday, NOLL played most

of its games rising from the losers'

bracket to post a 4-0 win over

SOLL. But SOLL, which had made its way through the winners bracket, had to be beaten twice in this double-elimination tournament. The district championship then came down to one game played Saturday morning at Northgate High School.

This time, it was SOLL that grabbed the upper hand, that played more efficiently, in a 13-4 win to claim the title.

SOLL advances to sectional play starting Monday in Sacramento.

Though NOLL's season officially ended, the District 4 Junior Division postseason — the first

Tournament of Champions and then the International Tournament — has been a major success for the NOLL/SOLL organization.

On June 29, the NOLL Reds beat the Clayton Valley Cubs 11-2 for the TOC title. Then, the SOLL and NOLL All-Stars both reached the championship game of the International Tournament.

Though their team lost Saturday, NOLL All-Stars manager Steve Paltiel and assistant Eddy Kleinhans both had reason for joy. Paltiel and Kleinhans, you

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Albany All-Stars rally past Alameda

■ 9-10 year-olds put together big fifth inning to move into final of losers bracket

By Bill Kruissink

STAFF WRITER

PITTSBURG — For one team, the show continued on. For another, well, at least they'll be getting some time off.

Albany's 9-10 All-Stars moved to the District 4 losers bracket final, topping a scrappy Alameda club 10-5 on July 11. Trailing 4-2 — and seemingly unable to hit Alameda starter Scott Rees — Albany's 10 Stars broke through in the bottom of the fifth for eight runs.

The rally was built on walks, the first Rees had yielded, some rare Alameda errors and two RBI singles. By the time the last run had crossed the plate, the 10 Stars had sent 12 batters to the plate and were ahead to stay.

Alameda came back for a run in the sixth but could score no more. The loss was the end of the road for Alameda, which had dropped into the losers bracket with a third-round loss to Clayton Valley on July 5. The club played three games in three days, all on the road.

"It's been a long week," Alameda manager Joe Norton said.

Alameda came close to extending its run when it snapped a 2-2 tie in the fourth, scoring twice to edge ahead 4-2. The rally began with hits by Rees and Daniel Higuchi. Though Rees was tagged out in a rundown be-



JAMEL FREEMAN of the Albany All-Stars pitches against Alameda in their District 4 playoff game in Pittsburg.

tween home and third, Josh Tinnon reached on a fielder's choice. With runners on first and third, leadoff hitter Joe Norton ripped a triple down the left-field line, scoring Higuchi and Tinnon.

Alameda's lead appeared safe, in as much as Albany, which had just arrived in the losers bracket the day before, was having a hard time hitting Rees.

A 10-year-old right-hander, Rees mixed his speeds well — and threw strikes. He gave up two runs in the first but retired the side in both the second and fourth innings and came into the fifth having set down the previous four batters. He needed just four pitches to get through the second inning and came into the fifth having delivered just 38 pitches.

Rees was getting to Albany. "He was throwing slow, then

he was throwing slower," said Kai Huntamer, who flied out to left in the second.

"We weren't being patient, so I told them to take," Albany coach Anthony Freeman said. "Their pitcher wasn't throwing real fast, so we were anxious to hit him."

Huntamer was the first batter to show patience. He also showed bunt.

Leading off the fifth, Huntamer repeatedly faked the bunt, pulling back each time to draw a ball. He walked on four pitches.

"(Coach) said to take it until I saw a strike. So I just tried to get more balls," Huntamer said.

"I just don't like the bat out," Rees admitted.

Cole Goodman then reached

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Minors

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on an error and Marco Santos walked. Huntamer was the first to score, crossing the plate on a passed ball.

Then it was like a parade. Jamel Freeman singled in Goodman, and Connor Freeberg singled in Santos. Soon, Freeman and Freeberg joined the others on the scoreboard.

"There were a few distractions (on the fake bunts)," coach Nor-

ton said. "I think Scotty got off his game a bit. But he kept dealing."

Norton lifted Rees and Adam Coggan eventually got Alameda out of the jam. But the damage was done.

Postgame

STATS: Interestingly, there were just three strikeouts in the game. Rees and Coggan each fanned one and Albany starter Freeman had one. Further, there were just seven walks issued — three by Alameda, four by Albany.

In fact, the clubs were swinging away, garnering a combined 15 hits, including triples by Norton and Ryan Loera. Loera also doubled.

The free swinging led to some great plays in the field. Alamedans were caught stealing twice and the team had runners thrown out at several bases.

For its part, Alameda turned a double play (Rees snagged a line drive at his shoe tops, then fired to first baseman Dante Parodi, who caught a runner leaping off first) and caught several runners in rundowns.

Cricket

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from Cal. "We enjoy the camaraderie (that the club provides). When I started with the club, I was living in Berkeley. When we graduated, we moved out. Now people commute long ways."

Competition also gives players a chance to get together with friends on other teams.

"There are some people who have gone from our club to other clubs because it's convenient for them," Mamidipudi said. "But Naveed, for instance, lives right across the street from the Santa Clara club. Most of the people who play (for the Berkeley club) do so because they know each other and are friends."

Though the Berkeley Cricket Club plays home matches in San Leandro and many of the players live outside Berkeley, the club isn't "Berkeley" in name only. Some players still live there.

Moraj Weerasinghe, for instance, lives in Berkeley and attends Contra Costa College in San Pablo.

"I've played cricket since I was 5," said Weerasinghe, a Sri Lanka native and one of the club's youngest players at 23. "I found (the club) on the Internet

and have played on it for five years now. The people are nice and we play good cricket. It's all about the people and hanging out on Sunday."

Berkeley resident Sid Patil didn't have much time to talk — he had to race back out to bat after a short refreshment break.

"It's a lot of fun," said Patil, studying for a doctorate in chemistry at Cal. "I enjoy just hanging out, playing, competing."

Typically, cricket is an all-day affair for the players, who begin their matches at 11 a.m. and continue often past 6 p.m.

"Four of the guys here today are married," said Anwar, one of the married players. "My wife, though of Pakistani parents, was born here. To her, this is a waste of time, sitting around and not doing much."

Overall, though, the wives are

supportive. And the sport is growing.

"We just had a daughter weeks ago," Anwar said, trying to get her into the cricket, cricket dad's cricket."

The tradition continues

Juniors

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see, are the coordinators for the NOLL/SOLL Senior American program (whose teams compete in the District 4 Junior postseason tournaments).

"As coordinators, we're really proud of the fact that one of our teams won the TOC," Paltiel said. "We're really proud of all our teams."

At the end of Saturday's game, players from NOLL and SOLL joined on the field to give a big cheer for Oakland. During the game, however, the teams were most competitive, as one would expect from close rivals.

For the record, Saturday's game was the third time NOLL and SOLL had met in the tournament. SOLL had won the first meeting, 9-6, at Northgate on July 5. In much the same manner as the previous two NOLL-SOLL games, the rubber match remained close much of the time.

Indeed, the game was scoreless through two innings before SOLL broke through in the top of the third. Three runs were scored that inning, all coming on a bases-loaded double by Matt Moyer.

NOLL, however, kept the game close by scoring two runs in the bottom of the inning.

From there, the game was pretty much a tit-for-tat affair with both teams scoring one run in each of the next two innings. By the end of five innings, SOLL clung to a 5-4 lead.

Then the wheels came off for NOLL, as SOLL scored three runs in the sixth and five more in the seventh for the final margin of victory.

"We lost our touch and had some sloppy errors in the last two innings," Paltiel said.

SOLL manager Dave Schleicher could not be reached for comment.

The game, though, wasn't so much one of NOLL losing, but of SOLL winning.

Starting pitcher Ricky Relinger, for instance, was strong. Relinger pitched four innings, giving up three runs and striking out three NOLL batters. Moyer came on to pitch the final three innings for SOLL, complementing his earlier three-run double with a fine performance on the mound. Moyer, who worked out of jams in both the sixth and seventh innings, gave up just one run and recorded three strikeouts.

Overall, SOLL players enjoyed a strong game both in the field and at the plate. Kevin Ruma, for instance, had two singles and scored three runs for the champions. Nikko Wahl added four singles in five at-bats. And Nick Safr ignited a two-out rally in the fourth inning with a sharp single to left field.

Majors

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thrown out trying to steal third. Still 1-1 going to the bottom of the eighth.

Antioch East manager Jim Castillo replaced Macfarlane with Mancini to start the eighth and there was immediate trouble. Kyle Shipley drew a leadoff walk and Lamb doubled him to third with a shot to center. Mathew Peterson was walked intentionally to load the bases. While pitching to Brandyn Adney, Mancini threw a wild pitch. Shipley scored from third and Albany had an improbable 2-1 victory.

It was improbable because Macfarlane had been given a 1-0 lead in the second and seemed in total command. Antioch East's Ryan Howard doubled to lead off the inning, went to third on Sean Hill's ground out, and came home on a wild pitch.

The game seemed destined to end that way due to the fact that Albany starter Chris Alaniz matched Macfarlane pitch-for-pitch, giving up only four hits and striking out 14 in eight innings. The run that Antioch East scored was the first off the Albany starter in his past 19 innings of pitching.

A minors correction: In an Albany minors game played on July 5 against South Oakland, it was incorrectly stated that Evan Bachtel struck out two SOLL batters in the fifth inning of that game, which Albany won 5-3. The pitcher of record during that inning was actually Jake Alaniz.

NOLL had its share of strong performances, too, helping keep the game close through five innings. Mark Muranishi had two hits, Daniel Austin singled in his only at-bat, and Andy Spellman had an RBI double in the fourth inning.

JULY 12
NOLL 4, SOLL 0: NOLL came through in a now-or-never situation, avenging a 9-6 come-from-behind SOLL win a week earlier that had dropped NOLL into the losers bracket.

"We had three elimination games before this, so those really prepared us. Plus, we were familiar with their team, so we were really confident," Paltiel said.

The previous week saw SOLL play a clean game with NOLL making some costly errors. This time, the roles were reversed.

"The defense was much better for them this time," Schleicher said. "They didn't walk guys and they kept the ball down. They didn't give us anything good to hit."

For the rematch, NOLL won the coin flip and was the home team. How much a difference it made is uncertain. What was certain was that NOLL scored the only run it ultimately needed in

the bottom of the first inning as Muranishi and Max Sussman both singled and Dodson laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt. Brandon Senigar, the courtesy runner for Muranishi, scored from third base on the play for a 1-0 NOLL lead.

In the third, Dodson came through with his second RBI, this time singling home Skylar James, who had reached on a fielder's choice.

The score remained 2-0 until the fifth. Senigar, batting for Greg Lorentzen in the ninth spot, began the inning with a base hit. Senigar stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on an error for a 3-0 advantage.



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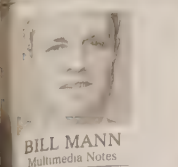
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Multimedia Notes

alk radio: all eat, no light

THE ROSTER of disreputable professions in the public's mind grows ever larger. Chief executives and analysts have recently and lawyers, Major League baseball personnel (players, managers, owners) used-car salesmen and politicians (among others) on the guilt-by-association lists.

There's another you can add to the list: Radio talk-show host. Most of these chin-music players who befall the airwaves rank somewhere around the level of merchants in my lower-ranking. To watch these people ply their pitiable and disreputable trade today is to witness the best form of crassness.

Why these professional artists aren't held in public contempt more widely is a mystery, except that maybe it's because I'm closer to the radio than most and know this dreary business better than most. I was, by a bit briefly, a radio talk-show host myself nine years ago, on KGO's Rosa news-talk station. Things weren't good, so I was canned after two ratings.

My reason for doing the job, even knowing I have a radio voice? I wanted to experience firsthand what I heard.

I've been a guest on scores of radio talk shows for years, mostly on top-rated, 50,000-listener KGO. I've witnessed the disaster for listeners. It's cynicism in action. Talk radio is a major component of what author Deborah Tannen perceptively called "The Argument Culture" in her recent book "Radio." Hosts routinely create the (and somewhat dangerous) impression that there is no middle ground in this world, only political extremism. And so, not surprisingly, radical radicals and assorted crazies are drawn to talk radio like flies to offal. The result is a

talk radio, the name of which is controversy — getting callers and ratings and whatever means necessary and legal. Often it's by just being generally wrong, or overtly and blatantly political (e.g., KGO's out-

Bernie Ward). Sometimes it's saying stupid or outrageous things, like former KGO talk host who said, "he'd kill a homeless man for a million bucks."

Sometimes it's "rallying" the troops to silly causes, such as raising a large reward fund to find the killer of a pedigreed show dog, a reckless disregard for the truth and upsetting the phones going.

As being a purveyor of lies, often in the guise of "news" (KGO sister station KGO's loathsome Michael). There is no dignity in this dreary profession, and far more heat than generated.

Recent examples on station's weekend host, including know-it-all, Bill "Science" Wattenberg, lasted for five days (he was filling Gene Burns' shoes) about "terrorists" and "eco-

and their support for a state law reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Several friends and family are in the Sierra Club.

While, Doctor Bill (who overawed phoned him) deigned to step forward to address such an improving car radio repair and fixing toasters.

Nothing can work, too. Host Shann Nixx, filling recent weeknight, usually has to trouble at listeners. One night she spent an entire hour to what she called the "growing phenomenon" of "booty calls," or "friends" just to ask for no emotional strings.

Trendsports Nixx term "booty call" 15 minutes (I counted).

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PETER AND HEIDI meet for the first time in this scene from "The Heidi Chronicles," playing through Aug. 10 at Berkeley's Live Oak Theatre.

Woman's Will offers well-rounded 'Pericles'

WOMAN'S WILL, the all-female Shakespeare company, fulfilled the promise of the opening lines of "Pericles, Prince of Tyre," last weekend in Berkeley and Pleasanton parks.

The character Gower, a real 14th-century storyteller played by Sage Catron, acting as the play's narrator, begins the play with these words:

"To sing a song that old was sung/ From ashes ancient Gower is come/ Assuming man's infirmities/ To glad your ear and please your eyes."

And pleasing it is in both dimensions. The initial performance in Berkeley's John Hinkel Park, and the minimal set enhanced the pleasure and made the play's content more accessible.

This is a complex story of suffering and separation, of regrets and reunions. Often neglected for more familiar Shakespearean plays that make the rounds, it's hard to classify it as a tragedy. There's death — when a mother dies in childbirth at sea — but no killing, although a



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

murder is averted. Still, it qualifies as a comedy in its aura of hope fulfilled and the fairy-tale life of the saved infant, named Marina for her birthplace, until the satisfying happy ending.

Erin Merritt directs a splendid cast including Susan-Jane Harrison, Jaxy Boyd, Lizzie Calogero, Kristen Lo, Rami Margon, Christine Odera, Robin Steeves, Juliet Tanner and the previously mentioned Catron. The Gower role will be played by Poh-Gaik Teh in the July 21 and Aug. 18 performances.

"Pericles" is interpreted simultaneously in American Sign Language. Director Merritt said in her program notes: "What you see today is a brand new translation of Shakespeare's play, one we hope will begin to

bring our hearing and deaf neighbors to the same table." Well done, Woman's Will.

Call 415-567-1758 for times and places of future performances through Aug. 18.

BACKWARD GLANCES: "The Heidi Chronicles." Actors Ensemble of Berkeley's last show of the season before the house goes dark for retrofit, is an effective, intimate and entertaining peek back at a time when those now at a certain age were growing into adulthood from the activist 1960s into the materialistic 1980s.

Well-mounted and well-acted, this memory piece by Wendy Wasserstein traces the career of art historian Heidi Holland and a few close male and female friends.

Fel J. Cruz directs a well-chosen ensemble cast including Brooke Caspell as Heidi, Kirk Crist, Robin Eldridge, Andrea Hart, Lindsay Pratt, Karina Raz, Alex Staton, David Stein and Carter Steward.

Photos of paintings and old black-and-white news photo clips, projected high on a scrim

upstage, set the time and mood of the scenes. Although the issues and angst of the two decades in the late '90s are still valid and important to reflect upon, some of the edge and impact of those times have been eroded by the tumultuous events of the present. Still worth a look, however.

"The Heidi Chronicles" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Aug. 10, plus the same time on Thursday, Aug. 8. Tickets are \$10 with discounts for groups of 15 or more. Performances are in Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. (at Berryman), Berkeley. Call 510-528-5620.

TEENS EXPLORE TEENS: "Real Life," an original work developed through improvisation of 47 students between the ages of 12 and 18, explores the exploitation of the teen market in a presentation at Contra Costa College by Young Actors Workshop. Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, starting next week.

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Somber 'Widowmaker' a real downer

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

Director Kathryn Bigelow's "K-19: The Widowmaker" is the gloomiest movie of the summer, a worthy but ponderous submarine movie that might as well be called "Das Dreary Boat."

It features Harrison Ford as the Russian captain of K-19, the Soviet Union's first, ill-fated nuclear submarine, which set sail June 18, 1961, and faced a catastrophic meltdown at sea just two weeks later.

Captain Vostrikov represents the most serious film role Ford has taken on in years, and the only time in this reporter's memory that he's ventured into the challenging territory of playing someone who isn't American. In honor of the occasion, he even trots out a Russian accent, although its effectiveness is diminished by his curious decision to use it only intermittently.

"K-19" (yes, you are right, it is an extraordinarily bad and confusing title, calling to mind both canine units and breakfast cereal) is "inspired" by a true story, a Cold War incident that never got the press the Cuban missile crisis did, but could have been just as dangerous, if not more so.

Captain Vostrikov is called on at the last minute to take over command of K-19 from Captain Polenin (Liam Neeson) just before the boat sets to sea. There have been a series of small but prophetic disasters on the sub in dry dock: the crew repeatedly fails at test drills, various pieces of equipment don't work, and the ship's doctor dies in a freak accident. The crew dubs the boat "the Widowmaker," and Polenin dares to suggest to the top brass that it isn't ready for sea trials. The Soviet command, far too eager to catch up with advanced

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "K-19: The Widowmaker"

■ **STARRING:** Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, Peter Sarsgaard, Christian Camargo

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (for disturbing images)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 18 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** C+

■ **RELATED STORY:** Harrison Ford says "K-19" is a story that needed telling. Page 17

American nuclear technology, decree him too soft to be in charge. Polenin gets to stay on board, but is forced to relinquish his command to Vostrikov.

So tensions are already high when K-19 leaves harbor, loaded up with youthful crew members, most of whom we are introduced to in a perfunctory fashion. Other than Ford and Neeson, only two actors are allowed to distinguish themselves at all, Peter Sarsgaard as the novice Reactor Officer Vadim Radtchenko, and Christian Camargo as Pavel, his sidekick in the reactor room, who secretly wears a decidedly noncommunist religious medal around his neck and is convinced that the boat is cursed.

To make matters worse, Vostrikov is a hard taskmaster, pushing his untired men repeatedly into life-threatening situations with Stalinist determination. He makes the sub go super-deep, super-fast, and then back up again. You keep expecting his actions to bring about some triumph, to turn the men into some incredible team. But the nature of their accomplishments, such as firing a test missile in the Arctic, don't exactly



DEADLY SERIOUS: Harrison Ford, left, and Liam Neeson star in "K-19: The Widowmaker."

warm the cockles of the heart.

When they are truly tested, by the overheating reactor, their bravery mounts — clad in little more than paper suits, they troop two by two into the core and stumble out, vomiting, their skin peeling off — but our emotional involvement is limited by Bigelow's direction and by how little Christopher Kyle's script has told us about these martyrs.

Again, of the underlings, only Camargo and Sarsgaard, who weeps like a baby when he's told he has to enter the reactor's inner sanctum, make an impression.

As he has aged, Ford's natural tendency toward crankiness has only increased. He is at his glummiest as Captain Vostrikov, and that's a hard cross for any audience to bear, because Ford at his glummiest exudes more misery than a pharmacy full of people waiting for an overdue Prozac shipment. As Vostrikov baits Polenin and repeatedly puts the lives of the men in jeopardy, practically inviting mutiny, one starts to have hopeful visions of

him walking the plank and disappearing into seas as unforgiving as he. Still, it's encouraging to see him taking on a new acting challenge, even if he only half succeeds at it.

Neeson fares better as Polenin. Since he's not an icon of American cinema, he has an easier time pulling off his Russian identity. He's also the voice of reason on the boat: Like him, we never really trust Vostrikov to put the lives of his men before the honor of the Soviet Union. There's a confrontation between the two men at a crisis point when the decision must be made to either disobey the Soviet command and maybe save more of the crew members' lives, or give in to Moscow and likely kill everyone on board. Given that it was Polenin who argues for the former course, it is then a puzzle to see him fawn over Vostrikov later in the movie. Is it possible he had Vostrikov confused with Harrison Ford, action hero?

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EVENTS

COMEDY

KIMBALL'S EAST — "Live Comedy." 7 p.m. on Thursdays 7 p.m. \$10 cover Emerybay Public Market 5800 Shellmound St. Emeryville (510) 658-2555, (510) 762-BASS or www.kimball.com

STAGE

ACTORS ENSEMBLE OF BERKELEY

"The Heidi Chronicles" by Wendy Wasserstein, through Aug. 10. Touching, funny, sensitive story that follows Heidi Holland's generation, when the status of women changed greatly from the activist 60s to the success-oriented, materialistic 80s \$10 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 8 p.m. 8 p.m. Aug. 8, 8 p.m. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck, Berkeley 510-528-5620 or www.actorsensembleofberkeley.com

AURORA THEATRE

"Benefactors" by Michael Frayn, through Aug. 18. A work touched by politics and social indictments of the way people and systems undermine one's best efforts \$30 to \$35 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday 8 p.m. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St. Berkeley (510) 843-4822 or www.auroratheatre.org

BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE

"Cloud Nine" by Caryl Churchill closing July 28. A play about race, class, history and sex in 19th century colonial Africa and 20th century London

\$10 to \$54 8 p.m. Tuesday and Friday 8 p.m.; 7 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 8 p.m. July 20 and July 25 8 p.m. performance only 2025 Addison St., Berkeley (510) 647-2949 (888) 4-BRTX or www.berkeleyrep.org

CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

"Macbeth" by William Shakespeare, closing July 28. The Bard's tale of a Scottish nobleman's obsessive quest for power

\$24 to \$46 general; \$23 to \$46 seniors, \$13 to \$46 youths age 4 to 16. Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday 8 p.m.; Saturday 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday 4 p.m. Bruns Memorial Amphitheater, Shakespeare Festival Way/Gateway Exit off Highway 24, Orinda (510) 548-9666 or www.cal-shakes.org

CENTRAL WORKS THEATRE ENSEMBLE

"Opening" — "Mata Han" by Gary Graves, July 19 through Aug. 24. A new drama delving into the legend of the world famous exotic dancer arrested for espionage during World War I. The play questions whether Mata Han was really a spy or whether her crime was simply violating certain wartime standards of decency

\$8 to \$18; pay-what-you-can at 5 p.m. Saturdays; at 5 p.m. 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m.; 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.; 5 p.m. Sunday, 5 p.m. NO 5 P.M. PERFORMANCE JULY 20. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley (510) 558-1381

CONTRA COSTA CITY THEATRE

"Grease" by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, through Aug. 10. This rollicking musical focuses on Rydell High School's spirited class of 1959 with its hot rods, pajama parties and drive-in movies and how two young people fit in

\$12 general, \$8 youths age 16 and under 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., 2 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. 951 Pomona Ave. El Cerrito (510) 524-9132

GUYS 'R DOLLS: THE CAST OF FINOCCHI

"Finocchi" — ongoing. An amazing and funny female impersonation show in a classic vaudeville style review. The revival of a San Francisco tradition that ran for 63 years at the Finocchi Club in North Beach

\$39.95 3 p.m. July 28, 3 p.m. The Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave., Oakland (415) 551-9785 or (510) 531-0511

THE MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

"City of Angels," directed by Linda Ellinwood, closing July 20. The story of a young novelist in the glamorous Hollywood of the '40s, attempting to write a screenplay taken from his popular novel about Stone, his private-eye alter ego.

"Leading Ladies Sing Broadway," July 26 through July 28. A performance of song, dance and comedy monologues from the Bay Area's greatest leading ladies. ZaZa from "La Cage aux Folles" as "mistress" of ceremonies. Price includes a buffet dinner following each performance. Proceeds benefit the Masquers Playhouse theater renovation. Reservations required 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 2:30 p.m. \$25 510-236-4988

\$14.8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. 105 Park Place, Richmond 510-232-4031 or www.masquers.org

SHOTGUN PLAYERS

"Troilus and Cressida" by William Shakespeare, July 27 through Sept. 1. One of Shakespeare's most unique works, this play is ironic and satirical, dealing with personal relationships as the Trojan War plays itself out. Opening night, 5 p.m. with a cocktail fund-raiser and the show, \$25. Free but donations accepted. 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 5 p.m. John Hinkel Park, Southampton Avenue between San Diego Road and Somerset Place, North Berkeley (510) 704-6210 or www.shotgunplayers.org

WOMAN'S WILL

"Pericles, Prince of Tyre" by William Shakespeare. Nine-woman rendition of Shakespeare's romance about love, honor and travel. Free

July 20 and July 21, 1 p.m. Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, July 27, 1 p.m. Mosswood Park, 3612 Webster St., Oakland

July 28, 1 p.m. Diamond Park, 3860 Hanly Road, Oakland. Free. (415) 567-1758 or www.womanswill.org

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neurologist Gene Burns, and in flailing away during KO's popular midmorning show continues to blaviate — while actively seeking — on one show, the brain-voiced chatmeister to posit the moral equivalent of running a stop sign at when no one else was and a CEO stealing million.

These are exactly the kind of mental gymnastics we engage in during colloquial classes. In an academic context, it was arguably useful, if not terribly original. But in the context of radio, it's the kind of simply meant to anger and get attention — ex- Gene-o did it. Self-named pedant Burns (who claimed pedantic services) has been doing hack work longer than me, and he knows better than most how the dismal is played.

He wishes that someone speak one of those wire-Xcams into the studios of radio station some day out the live shots on the. Just watching the talk gagging, smirking, and gestures while ostentatiously (and respecting

the third-rate views of) some callers would tell you more about their profession — and their view of the general public — than I ever could.

Most of these chatmeisters are in their disreputable profession for any and all of the following reasons: a) they have a pleasant (i.e., marketable) voice; b) it beats doing real work; c) you get to be a dilettante and pretend you know a lot more about everything than you actually do (this boosts your fragile, outsized ego); d) it pays well; and, e) unlike during your unhappy childhood, you're now the center of attention (this is true of most public performers, of course).

Of course, not everyone who calls a radio talk show is a loon, an extremist or both. But these groups are certainly represented disproportionately.

Just listening to a radio talk show is one thing. I admit I usually can't resist regularly checking out this dismaying spectacle when, for example, KDFC goes into a six-minute commercial block, or NPR is doing earnest, sound-bite-laden stories about Namibian craftspeople or Alabama pig farmers. But actually CALLING a radio talk show? That's another matter entirely. It's certainly something I would do, nor, I suspect, would most of you. Talk about demeaning.

It's one thing to watch the circus, another to be a part of it.

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ending Aug. 4, directed by Tioni McCoy Susan Worthing, "Real" was written by the comedian from an original concept McCoy, with choreography by Melina Burgess, cosigned by Michael Garcia, and design by Alex Mercer. Set and lighting design by J. R. Morocco.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for seniors and students with valid ID. Group available. Call 510-235-EX-4274.

The production, opening the Actors Workshop's 13th season, is on stage at John and Jean Knox Center for Performing Arts, El Portero and Castro Street, Pablo, on the edge of the campus.

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MINISTER AMPHITHEATER — "Sound of Music" by Rodgers and Hammerstein, closing July 21. The oldest free-spirited novice of the house takes an unexpected detour from the convent when she unveils the goddess for a stern nun's naval captain's seven children. Featuring the standards "Do Re Mi," "Climb Every Mountain" and "My Darling Cuckoo."

Tickets: \$15 to \$27 seniors and children 16 and under. Friday/Sunday, 8 p.m. Joaquin Road, off state Highway 13, and (510) 531-9597 or www.minister.com

STAR MUSIC —

— Steve Lucky and the Blues, July 19, 9:30 p.m.

— Dani Spencer, Bogle Dread, and Menace, July 20, 9:30 p.m.

— The Blues Intentions, July 21, 8:30 p.m. \$8.

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MEDIA NOTES: There are a lot of nervous radio execs these days — especially in talk radio, which could take a big ratings and advertising hit by next year (three cheers!). The reason for the concern is the current ongoing test in Philadelphia of Arbitron's revolutionary People Meter, a measurement technology that will change forever the methodology of obtaining radio ratings.

"It changes the whole landscape," one radio exec who's following People Meter testing told me. "Among other things, it's going to hit talk radio hard."

Instead of filling out diaries, selected listeners will now carry around a portable device — and it will not only measure all radio you encounter (that is, when it's not in its cradle), but also TV. This will be especially beneficial to Arbitron, which got out of the TV-ratings game a few years ago, making Nielsen the only game in town. It can now get back in it.

Kudos, however, to one talker — KGO's maverick, nationally syndicated Dr. Dean Edell who's almost always ahead of the curve in medicine. For years he's been a lonely voice campaigning against something very much in the news these days — hormone replacement therapy for women.

Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at Newsmann@sonic.net.

true selves, finally opening up to each other.

"Agony" plays at 8 p.m. Aug. 1, 3 and 9, and 2 p.m. Aug. 11.

It alternates with another new play, "The Package for Max," by John Angell Grant of Palo Alto. Dates are 2 p.m. Aug. 2 and 4, and 8 p.m. Aug. 8 and 10.

Lois Grandi is directing. She also directed the musical "Whispers on the Wind," which closes Sunday at Playhouse West, located at 1345 Locust St., in downtown Walnut Creek.

Tickets are \$10 for each performance. Call 925-942-0300 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Send items of interest to Jack Tucker at 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA, 94806; fax to 510-262-2776; e-mail to tucker@ctimes.com, or call 510-262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

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SUMMER NOON CONCERTS 2002 IN DOWNTOWN BERKELEY — Thursdays, from July, noon to 1 p.m.

July 25: Folklorico De Aztlan. Free. Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza, Shattuck and Center Streets, Berkeley. (510) 549-2230

MUSIC AT TRADER VICE'S EMERYVILLE — Jazz at 5, ongoing. With Claudio Medeiros and Carlos Oliveira

No cover. Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. Trader Vice's Emeryville, 9 Anchor Drive, Emeryville. (510) 653-3400

YOSHI'S — Terence Blanchard Quintet, through July 21. \$18 to \$22. East Bay Blues Revue, July 22. Jessica Williams Trio, July 23 and July 24

Joey De Francesco Trio, July 25 through July 26. Sunday matinees are \$5 per child and \$10 per adult with one child. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200 or www.yoshis.com or www.tickets.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC —

BERKELEY OPERA — "The Rite of Spring" by Stravinsky, July 19 through Aug. 4. David Scott Marley's adaptation of Rossini's "L'italiana in Algeri" with Rite Girl taking off for Mars in a rocket ship cobbled together from old car parts. All musical numbers from the original opera are kept intact.

\$32 general; \$26 seniors; \$15 children and disabled persons; \$10 students. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m.; July 20, 2 p.m. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. (925) 798-1300

FESTIVAL OPERA — CLOSING — "Don Pasquale" by Gaetano Donizetti, closing July 21. The tale of a rich, elderly bachelor who attempts to persuade his heir and nephew to accept an arranged marriage even though he is in love with a widow.

\$21 to \$56. July 19, 8 p.m.; July 21 at 2 p.m. Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. (925) 943-7469 or www.festivalopera.org

MIDSUMMER MOZART FESTIVAL — Jeffrey Kahane and Friends, I and II. Jeffrey Kahane conducting, July 20 and July 21. Guest artists: Borromeo Quartet, Alisa Weilerstein, cello; Richard Todd, horn; Geraldine Walther, viola. Two programs featuring works by Schubert, Shostakovich, Brahms, Ravel and Haydn.

\$25 to \$50. First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. (415) 292-9624 or www.ticketweb.com

OAKLAND SYMPHONY CHORUS — "Summer Sing-In Series," Tuesdays through Aug. 20, 7 p.m.

July 23: "Ein deutsches Requiem" by Brahms, Magen Solomon conducting. \$10. First Covenant Church, 4000 Redwood Road, Oakland. (510) 465-4199 or www.oakland-sym-chorus.org

Reviews

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pealing, but the film itself is predictable and lacks 3-D characters. — C. Rickey. (PG: brief mild language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C+

"LILO & STITCH": With so many 3-D offerings, this latest Disney release is here to remind audiences of the pure pleasures of flatness. It's happy/cool/weird in ways only a cartoon can be. Underneath all that cartoon craziness, however, some real emotions flash. Lilo (Daveigh Chase) is a young Hawaiian girl feeling disconnected since she and her older sister, Nani (Tia Carrere), lost their parents. Stitch, the freakish creation of evil alien scientist Jumba (David Ogden Stiers) has escaped to Earth, but the pursuit is on. Lilo adopts

Stitch as an ugly little creature no one else would want, and the love and friendship that blooms between them teaches them both important lessons about life. — T. Maurstad. (PG: mild action.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B

"MEN IN BLACK II": Director Barry Sonnenfeld has tackled the sequel to his surprise 1997 blockbuster "Men in Black" much like a vacation-bound man determined not to leave anything out of his duffel. As is the case with any overstaffed suitcase, more is occasionally less, but there are some extras in there that prove to be godsend. The plot is a mess, but do you really care? Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith continue to delight, the pace is brisk, the gadgetry intriguing, the villain (Lara Flynn Boyle) suitably amusing, and there are some nifty comic moments I wouldn't mind seeing again. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sci-fi action violence and some provocative humor.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B

"MINORITY REPORT": Not a great movie, but plenty good enough for night now. Tom Cruise plays a detective in 2054, who relies on the premonitions of three "pre-cogs" to stop murders before they happen. He gets caught in his own trap when one of them (Samantha Morton) fingers him as a future murderer. With Colin Farrell as a Department of Justice detective to investigate the "pre-crime" department. Born from a short story by sci-fi writer Philip K. Dick, and as such, signs a strong note of Big Brother oppression. But inside its cloak of futuristic darkness beats the heart of director Steven Spielberg, tender, fatherly and optimistic. The plot tugs at the end, but this is a festival of cool, from its gadgets to its sun-bleached cinematography. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, brief language, some sexuality and drug content.) 2 hours, 25 minutes. A-

"MONSOON WEDDINGS": An accomplished and entrancing blend of comedy and drama from director Mira Nair ("Mississippi Masala"). Over four days, a flustered Punjabi patriarch prepares for an arranged marriage between his only daughter and an engineer from Houston. Unfortunately the bride is still in love with her married lover, and her spinster cousin is about to drop a bombshell on the family. As thoroughly satisfying, subtle, steamy and balanced between serious and joyous as the best weddings actually are. — M. Pols. (R: language, including some sex-related dialogue.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. A-

"MR. DEEDS": This updated version of the 1936 Frank Capra classic "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" is shallower than a puddle in Death Valley in the middle of July and in terms of entertainment value, about as useful as an umbrella in said location at said time. As the dopey nice guy Deeds, who teaches big-city Manhattan lessons about small-town values, Adam Sandler is a yawn. The laughs are scant, even from the film's saving grace, John Turturro and Winona Ryder, as Deeds' love interest, is just bad. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, including sexual references and some nudity.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. D+

"MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING": Tola (Nia Vardalos) is considered a freak of nature in the Chicago Greek community because she's still single at 30. While working at her father's restaurant, she waits on a guy who's so gorgeous, he paralyzes her with awe — then inspires her to undergo a makeover. Ian (John Corbett), a high school teacher, falls for her, too. Her Old-Country parents don't approve of him at first; his WASPy parents treat her like she's from another planet. But because both families want their children to be happy, you know everything will work out in the end. Vardalos and Corbett together are likable enough to make this movie more tolerable than the average romantic comedy. — C. Lemire. (PG: sensuality and language.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. C+

"NOTORIOUS C.H.O.": Comedian Margaret Cho, the one-woman comic army in the war against puritanical shame about sex, the body and its functions, comes at us with this raunchy and quite funny taping of her popular stage show. The Bay Area favorite has always had a larger purpose in mind than getting laughs — provid-

ing audiences with "a way of belonging, of feeling validated." She succeeds so resoundingly because her humor is so liberating and so inclusive. — K. Thomas. (NR: exceedingly blunt language.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

"THE PIANO TEACHER": Marvellously twisted movie about a dangerously repressed Viennese piano teacher (Isabelle Huppert) and her relationship with a talented young student (Benoît Magimel). He thinks he's taking a musically gifted Mrs. Robinson on a voyage of discovery; instead, they embark on a cruise straight to hell on the good ship Sex Fetish. This isn't a pretty French film. The acting is incredible, though, and this is one of the most realistic depictions of sexual aberration ever made. — M. Pols. (NR: but includes extreme scenes of sexuality and self-mutilation.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. A

"THE POWERPUFF GIRLS MOVIE": The girls with superpowers find themselves exiled to a cold distant planet after being ousted from Townsville, thanks to the shenanigans of that evil chimp Mojo Jojo. Yes, it's the first animated movie for the Cartoon Network trio, and it's a fine one. All the lucky style of the popular TV cartoon is here, but there's some deep thinking going on as well. A playful and enjoyable confection. — F. Shuster. (PG: nonstop frenetic animated action.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. B

"PUMPKIN": Christina Ricci, who stars as Carolyn McDuffy, is the most "enthusiastic" member of Alpha Omega Pi in what intends to be an outrageous dark satire on sorority life. The members are determined to win the Sorority of the Year title. So for their charity, they pick a Special Olympics-type competition that will involve the girls helping coach the athletes. Carolyn is assigned to a pleasant-looking youth nicknamed Pumpkin (Hank Harris). Much to her dismay, Carolyn finds herself falling in love with the sweet-natured Pumpkin, which gives her a drastically changed perspective on her life. There may be a valid premise for both comedy and drama here, but it is not developed in a credible fashion. The result is hit-or-miss, with a laugh here and there, ultimately creating an aura of drawn-out improbability. — K. Thomas. (R: language and a scene of sexuality.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. C

"SCOOBY-DOO": Plays like an extended version of the Saturday morning cartoon, true to the original characters, but staying resolutely away from the subtext generations have attached to it. As rendered by director Raja Gosnell ("Never Been Kissed"), Velma is straight, Shaggy ain't stoned and Daphne and Fred are not doing anything untoward. Probably won't rot your kid's minds any more than most kiddie fare, but there are lots of taut thighs and sexual innuendoes that might make some parents nervous. And as for older fans, don't expect much out of this: It's loud, silly and dependent on flatulence for humor. — M. Pols. (PG: some rude humor, language and some scary action.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. C

"STAR WARS: EPISODE II — ATTACK OF THE CLONES": As Yoda might say, still many questions, we have. The right questions, some of them are. Get you back to the theater for "Episode III," they will. Irritating, others are. Stand alone, "Attack of the Clones" doesn't. A better movie than "Phantom Menace," but a far cry from its original "Star Wars" roots. Too computerized, too ponderous and too long. Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) is such a brat, you'll question what Padmé (Natalie Portman) sees in him, but romance does blossom between them. — M. Pols. (PG: sustained sequences of sci-fi action/violence.) 2 hours, 22 minutes. C+

"THE SUM OF ALL FEARS": Jack Ryan must have been exploring anti-aging creams since "Clear and Present Danger," because the Tom Clancy hero formerly played by Harrison Ford is portrayed by twentysomething Ben Affleck in this latest adapta-

tion of one of Clancy's popular spy novels. It's the usual terrorist muck, with a misplaced nuclear warhead on the loose, the world's future in jeopardy and Jack rushing to save us all. There's a difference this time, though, in terms of disaster narrowly averted — and it may be very hard for some folks, those still caught up in the Sept 11 mind-set, to sit back and enjoy this harrowing ride. Look for Morgan Freeman as the smooth-as-silk CIA director. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, disaster images and brief strong language.) 2 hours, 4 minutes. C+

"SUNSHINE STATE": The most thoughtful and rewarding movie of the summer. John Sayles takes on the unlikely topic of development in coastal Florida and somehow makes it interesting. He's woven together, as usual, a number of stories about vaguely connected characters; in particular two women acted with great zest by Edie Falco and Angela Bassett. The latter plays a woman who escaped her hometown and has returned, reluctantly, for a visit, while the former is just coming to grips with her own need to move on. What is particularly pleasing about this film is its steady sense of humor and optimism. As much as things may be changing on Plantation Island, humanity continues to thrive. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexuality and language.) 2 hours, 21 minutes. A-

"THIRTEEN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ONE THING": More accurately, 13 tedious conversations about nothing. One of those movies, like "Magnolia," that interweaves stories about characters we know will ultimately be connected. When they work, we leave with a sense of something bigger, but this indie film from writer/director Jill Sprecher only adds up to a muted, fractured, pretentious bore. With Matthew McConaughey, John Turturro, Cate DuVal and Alan Arkin as some of the various characters enduring story lines that are meant to teach them about life. Only Arkin shines. — M. Pols. (R: language and brief drug use.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. C-

"ULTIMATE X": This 43-minute film skillfully unites the IMAX cameras with such visual spectacles as skateboarding, BMX biking, Moto-X and street luge competitions. A behind-the-scenes look at the 2001 X Games that's both fun and exciting. — P. Wuntch. (PG: intense sports action, mid language.) 43 minutes. B+

"UNDERCOVER BROTHER": In this corner, we have Michael Bolton-listening, Banana Republic-shopping WAMP America. And in the other, we have Cadillac-driving, James Brown-worshipping African America. Eddie Griffin is Undercover Brother, a do-gooder with a thing for the '70s. He's recruited for a top-secret organization that fights for "truth, justice and the African American Way." This can't miss material does — miss, that is. Director Malcolm D. Lee blows one sure-thing bit after another and fails to let, or make, his cast be funny. — R. Moore. (PG-13: language, sexual humor, drug content and campy violence.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. C-

"WARM WATER UNDER A RED BRIDGE": Japanese filmmaker Shohei Imamura pays tribute here to the concept of release, and for Saeko (Misa Shimizu), that euphoria is an explosion of water from her body. At this eruption, fish gather at her feet, and during peak moments she lets loose a freshet with the pressure of a fire hydrant. The sight leaves Yosuke (Koji Yakusho) in a state of awe and desire, and the local fishermen extremely pleased. The film plays like a nutty psychological mystery: when the waters stop, anger and resentment cause the villagers' bliss to shiver. The problem is that the unraveling of the root of Saeko's condition isn't nearly as interesting as the phenomenon itself. The silliness of the floods she unleashes washes away any attempt at narrative completion. — E. Mitchell. (PG: some thematic elements.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. (Japanese with English subtitles.) C



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- **The East Bay School for Girls** will move to St. John's Presbyterian Church and Center at 2727 College Ave., in Berkeley. This new location is at the corner of Forest, two blocks north of Ashby, and will provide expanded classroom and outdoor play space for the growing number of EBSG students. The move will take place over the summer vacation. School opens in late August for the 2002-2003 academic year on the new campus. Details: 482-4444.
- **Ten Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.
- **Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.
- **Health of Health**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

■ **El Cerrito** offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For details, call Judie, 215-4371.

■ **LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent child care. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

■ **The Ann Martin Children's Center** offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Health

- **Charcot Marie Tooth** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuro-pathic disorder. Details: 524-3506.
- **YWCA Health and Community Education**: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

- **UC Botanical Garden**, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, holds free sick plant clinics first Saturday of every month, from 9 a.m. to noon. UC plant pathology and entomology experts dig into what ails your plant. The next clinic is Aug. 3. Details: 843-2755.
- **HighlineKites.com** presents its 17th annual Berkeley Kite Festival and West Coast Kite Championships from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 27 and 28, at Cesar E. Chavez Park at the Berkeley Marina. The festival is free and open to the whole family. For more information, call 235-5483 or visit the e-mail at Fest@HighlineKites.com.
- **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers (BNC)**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.net.
- **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941-The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For details call Don at 525-3565.
- **TOPS** (Take Pounds Off Sensibly)

- Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. For more information call Betty Coates at 235-0490. This chapter has moved from Richmond.
- **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.
- **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.
- **Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Man and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For details call 842-0808.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For details, call Katherine at 525-5231.

- **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.
- **Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.
- **"Work Buddies"**: volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 844-8292.
- **Psychic Healing** clinic: 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 800-642-9355.
- **SMART project**: the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment, medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.
- **The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.
- **English-In-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. UC Berkeley, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.
- **Women's Daytime Drop-in** Center in Berkeley: serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 466-5663.

Exhibit

- **The Albany Arts Center** presents "Before and After" a graphic exhibit by Jim Harlan through Sept. 19 at the Albany Community Center, Library and Art Center, 1000 Albany Ave. July 21. Details: 524-5261.
- **Artist Kathleen Schwab** continues through August at the F. Kennedy University Art Center, 2956 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. A reception is 27. Admission is free. For more information call 649-0499.
- **Albany Arts Gallery**, 1000 Albany Ave., continues its exhibit "Standing Still" through August. Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 524-5261.
- **The Berkeley Historical Society** 1931 Center Street presents "The African Presence: Sharing Our Past through Gallery Hours" Thursday, Saturday, 1-4 p.m. The exhibit features a series of slides of "museum world."

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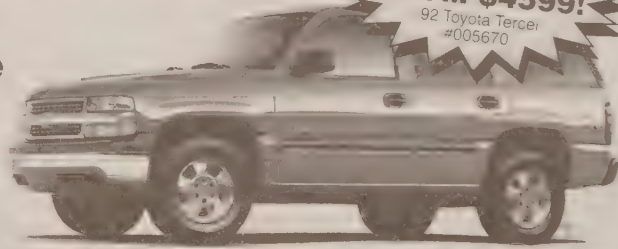
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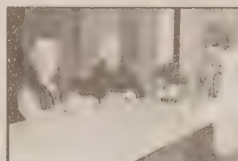
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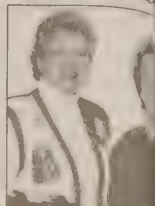
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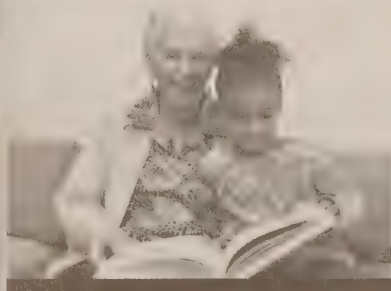
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Section D

Classic Classics: 1940 Packard convertible coupe restored twice [D4]

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Down the Road

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MOTOR MATTERS
If your vehicle has been driven more than 75,000 miles, it's slipping into middle age — and possibly advancing old age if precautions are not taken.

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You merely drain the crankcase the conventional way, remove the oil filter and add the oil formulated for the aging engine.

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THE 2002 HYUNDAI Santa Fe GLS' car-like ride is a plus. The seats are comfortable, the ride is solid and it handles quite well — for a sport utility. However, it doesn't come with four-wheel drive even as an option.

Age only improves 2002 Hyundai Santa Fe SUV

MOTOR MATTERS

Because of the popularity of the Hyundai Santa Fe, I decided to review it again. There have been some changes that attracted my interest.

When this sport utility vehicle was introduced in December 2000 as a 2001 model, I immediately was enamored by its appearance.

The Santa Fe looked rugged and ready to take on any terrain, yet there was something soft and smooth about its overall lines.

Best of all, this wasn't a large

SUV, which made it easy to maneuver both while driving through narrow city streets and getting into tight parking spaces.

My tester, the 2002 GLS model, is equipped with some nice features that it didn't have last year. It also has increased in price and now sells for \$19,559 — plus options.

These options include carpets, mudguards, roof rack cross rails and tow hitch (it can tow up to 2,700 pounds with a trailer brake), and delivery for a total of \$20,779. Still, that's not too expensive for an

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

SUV of this caliber.

However, my tester doesn't have the option of a four-wheel drive system or, better yet, full-time 4WD. With full-time 4WD, there would be no need for me to engage traction.

Had I unexpectedly hit a slippery surface, four-wheel traction would automatically go into action.

Front and rear disc brakes are

now on the GLS but weren't on the original model. My tester also has power door locks, body-colored mirrors and door handles.

However, the LX, which is Hyundai's top-of-the-line model, has anti-lock brakes and traction control.

The LX also includes fully automatic temperature control, heated front seats, and an electrochromic rearview mirror. My tester doesn't have those neat features.

Nevertheless, the GLS has a lot of desirable features that I didn't ex-

pect. For example, it comes equipped with fog lights, roof rack side rails, bodyside cladding, remote keyless entry, black privacy glass, and intermittent front wipers.

It also has air conditioning, power windows and door locks, cruise control, retractable cargo cover, rear window defroster, tilt steering column, remote fuel door release, cargo net — and a first aid kit.

My Santa Fe has a 2.7-liter V6

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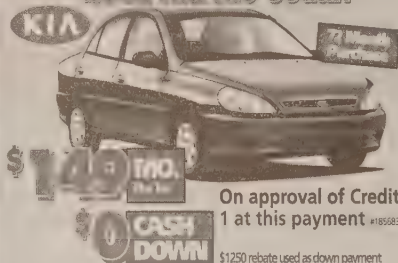
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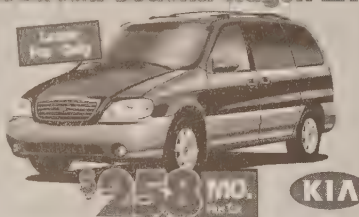
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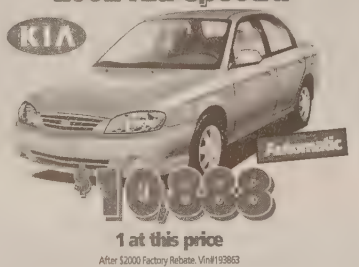
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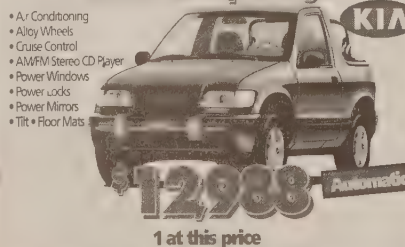
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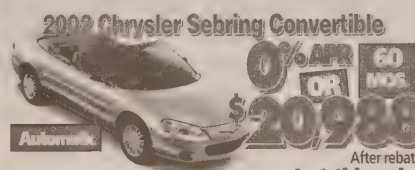
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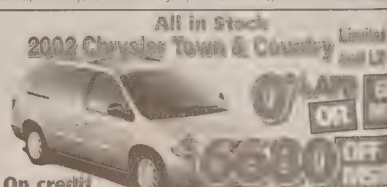
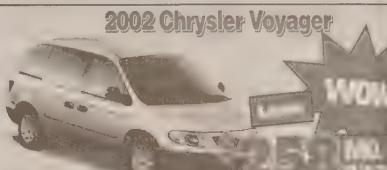
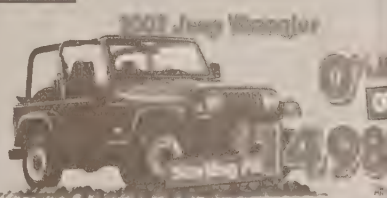
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TIM SPELL
Truck Talk

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ing the accelerator pedal, a Harley-Davidson-appropriate rumble is heard.

This sound is trumpeted through a specially tuned exhaust system with twin, 3.5-inch, slash-cut, chrome exhaust tips.

Other chrome treatments loudly signal: "This truck is a standout." Chrome side "nut" bars are standard. These are positioned below the rocker panels and conjure up visions of motorcycle exhaust pipes.

Lowering the suspension one inch also contributes to the Harley-Davidson F-150's street-road look. The front end also gets special attention that distinguishes it from F-150 siblings.

A fresh addition is a billet grille with horizontal chrome bars that shine amidst a field of monochromatic paint.

Other powerful contributors to this custom look are chromed, 20X9-inch, five-spoke aluminum wheels with Goodyear P275/45R20 Eagle GTII VR-rated tires.

Along with imposing size and beautifully crafted split spokes, these dazzling wheels are punctuated with distinctive center caps, ringed with rivets and etched with an outline of the Harley shield and bar.

Large Harley-Davidson bar-and-shield badges etched with "F-150 Supercharged" stand out on the tailgate and front fenders like rodeo-champion belt buckles. Even the

headlamps, clear-lens parking lamps and windshield bear Harley logo imprints.

The granddaddy Harley F-150 emblem is an enormous logo branded into the 5-foot-7-inch-long bed's rubber cargo mat.

The test truck features an aluminum-tube bed extender, which flips from inside the bed onto the opened tailgate.

Harley flavoring permeates the extended cab's interior. Upholstery is a rich leather treatment: a combination of black outer trim and pleated, perforated gray center sections.

A sequenced VIN badge documenting the truck's special-edition status has a prominent position at the front of the floor console.

Consoles — note the plural — are keys to the cab's eye-grabbing character. Sandwiched between each set of seats, front and rear, is a massive storage/armrest unit.

These "Grand Canyons among consoles" feature lids sheathed in black leather and engulfed with monochromatic flame emboss-

ments. These patterns evoke visions of custom racing flames that frequently decorate the fuel tanks of Harley motorcycles.

Chrome touches are used to provide a custom-look motorcycle feel. Seat-adjustment knobs and levers, door handles and steering column stalks provide chrome sparkle that contrasts with the mostly black interior.

Like its motorcycle namesake, the Harley-Davidson pickup is an easy-riding, open-road vehicle. All four seats are comfortable, offering a luxurious and supportive feel.

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torcar enthusiasts, racing legends and Corvette owners are expected to participate in the celebration at the 29th annual Rolex Monterey Historic Automobile Races, presented by Dodge, at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

The Corvette has such an appealing pedigree that organizers are receiving hundreds of inquiries from across the country on how owners

can join the celebration.

While the cars with authenticated race history have already been accepted into the race, hundreds more are being considered for the car corral. These owners will have the opportunity to drive their car in parade laps around the challenging road course and through the renowned corkscrew turn.

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1940 Packard Super 8 convertible a rare find

MOTOR MATTERS

There is a reason only two dozen 1940 Packard Super 8 160 convertible coupes have survived 62 years: economics.

That year, Packard built 3,219 junior convertible coupes. The six-cylinder model rode on a 122-inch wheelbase and carried an economical — for Packard — base price of \$1,087.

A total of 1,761 senior model 120 convertible coupes were produced. Each one had a straight eight-cylinder engine under the long hood, rode on a 127-inch wheelbase and had a base price of \$1,547.

In contrast, Packard dealers were asking \$2,400 for a 160 model convertible coupe, which shared the same sheet metal and wheelbase as the 120 model. Consequently, only 401 such cars were manufactured.

Dressed up with a radio, heater, twin spotlights and dual side-mounted spare tires, one such model 160 was sold in March 1940 in Cleveland.

After 41 years that Packard had migrated to a used car lot in Fredericksburg, Va.

Before retiring from a distinguished naval career, Thomas Brooks spotted the distinctive Packard while traveling between Fort Meade, Md., and the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. His family in up-

VERN PARKER
Classic Classics

state New York had always owned Packards.

"I learned to drive on a 1941 Packard," he recalls.

Brooks purchased the Packard. The serial numbers indicated that the car was an authentic model 160 and not a model 120.

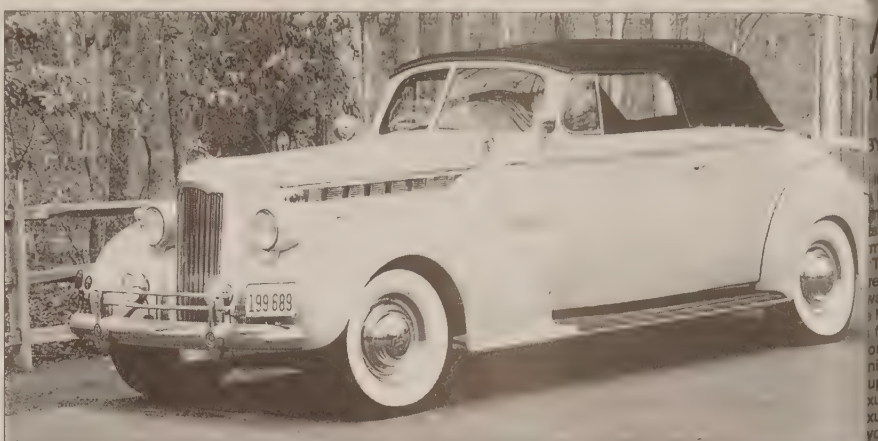
Records show the car underwent restoration in 1973, when it was painted dark tan and was capped with a light tan convertible top.

Brooks enjoyed the car as much as he could while on active duty, but the real fun came after he retired in 1991. "It's always been a fine driving car," he explains.

By 1997, Brooks concedes, the top was really ragged. An upholstery shop fitted a new black top with red piping. Soon thereafter, Brooks reports that a piston was blown.

Since the defective engine was from a 1947 Packard, he thought, "Why rebuild the wrong engine?" A bit of digging turned up a correct 1940 engine from a retired limousine. The 356-cubic-inch, straight-eight was rebuilt to produce 160-horsepower as it had when new.

While the mechanical work was



THIS 1940 PACKARD CONVERTIBLE coupe was one of only 401 made and has been restored twice. The present owner found parts and painted it with a 1940-only yellow called Miami Sand.

progressing, Brooks decided to try to restore more original parts. One thing led to another and after 2 1/2 years, Brooks found himself the proud owner of a frame-off restored Packard. It wasn't planned; it just happened.

The task was begun in February 1997 and was completed in October 1999. "Once you've started," Brooks explains, "you can't stop."

He says there was really no trouble in finding parts. "You just have to be patient," he said. The project took about five times as long as expected to complete and cost about

five times as much.

The exterior color Brooks chose is a 1940-only color: Miami Sand. "It's slightly different from the typical Packard Creme," he explains.

Beneath the long engine hood trimmed with stainless steel, the big engine pumps out heat as well as horsepower. "That's an advantage in winter," Brooks says, "but not as much in summer."

Of course, the cowl vent is available to scoop fresh air into the cockpit. "The engine loafs along in overdrive," Brooks said. With the driver and a passenger aboard, the

4,000-pound Packard easily rolls along on the 7.50x16-inch diamondback-tread tires.

The speedometer can record speeds up to 120 mph. "I'm not nutty enough to do it," Brooks said.

The interior is a visual delight with stainless steel window frames and a wood-grained dashboard.

The glove compartment door holds a large clock to symmetrically balance the speedometer at the other end of the dashboard.

Originally, the convertible top was vacuum. After several attempts at returning the mechanism to its

original state, Brooks decided to practically and discreetly use vacuum hoses, transform into a mechanical operation. "Life is a lot easier," Brooks said with a smile. "It's on the highway," he says. "With the length of the ornament to sight, the view is magnificent."

If you have a vehicle to "Classic Classics," write to Motor Matters, 4636 Wilmington, DE 19806, for its merits.

The RV refrigerator requires basic maintenance routine

MOTOR MATTERS

One of its most important pieces of equipment, the fridge is a vital part of what sets an RV experience apart from a standard camping trip.

Although it's a fairly robust and reliable piece of equipment, the refrigerator is not infallible. Unfortunately, many of us may need to figure out what's wrong with a stubborn fridge to avoid spending a huge pile of cash on an avoidable repair.

Luckily, there are several diagnostic and maintenance steps you can take to narrow down the possibilities regarding fridge failures.

As soon as an RV refrigerator starts to malfunction — for example, the spark igniter starts sparking, the burner ignites, then goes out after a few seconds, or it fails to ignite at all — many technicians immediately assume it's "the board," which refers to the electronics unit in the fridge.

While it can be at fault, there are many other lower-cost items to check first before you spend over \$100 on a new board.

■ First, remove the burner inspection plate and check the LP burner area for rust and other blockage. The heat from the flame, combined with moisture resulting from LP gas combustion, creates rust in the heating unit's "chimney."

The flame destroys the galvanized coating in the chimney, which exposes it to rust. The rust chips then fall and can plug the burner orifices.

Use a small stick or metal tool to rap against the chimney to loosen any rust. Then vacuum the debris from the burner area. Make sure the burner orifices are

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Rolling Homes

clean and clear, and look for signs of excess soot buildup on the burner.

While you're in there, check the spark electrode for proper spacing. It should be about 1/8-inch from the burner tube, or the spark won't make the jump and ignite the burner.

The spark electrode wears and erodes away slowly, like the tip of a spark plug, so occasional readjustment may be necessary.

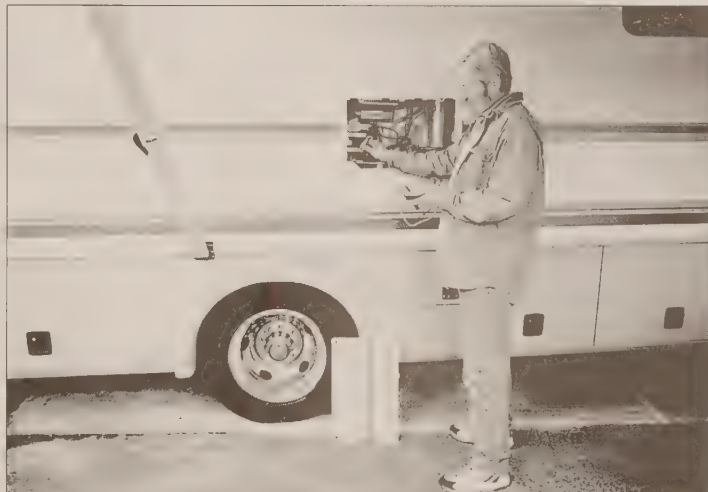
Likewise, the pilot flame should directly contact the sensor electrode. Bend or otherwise adjust the sensor, or thermistor, electrode to make good contact with the pilot flame.

■ A refrigerator needs enough propane for proper gas operation. Have a service center technician measure the LP gas pressure at the inlet valve.

Switch on a couple of other LP-fueled appliances, such as the stove and water heater, during the pressure test. With the fridge and the other appliances operating, there should be approximately 11 inches water column of LP pressure.

At the same time, the pressure can't be too high. There should be no more than 12 inches water column of pressure with the other LP-fueled appliances turned off.

■ If the pressure at the fridge is way off, start by checking the pressure at the LP cylinder or tank regulator. If the pressure at the regulator checks out OK, start look-



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ing for kinks or pinched areas of the LP gas lines, and also check for proper LP shutoff operation.

■ Measure the DC voltage available to the fridge. The power should be between 10.5 and 15.5 volts. If your battery is too low, so that the voltage falls below 10.5 volts, the fridge will likely quit operating.

If the voltage is too high, a result of a converter with a faulty voltage regulator, for example, operation will likewise falter.

Test the power at the batteries if the fridge voltage is below 10.5 volts. If the batteries are OK, start looking for faulty wiring. Test at each visible wire junction until you locate the one responsible for the voltage

drop. Pay special attention to ground connectors close to the fridge access area or the RV's underframe, as they're prone to corrosion.

■ If you spend a lot of time plugged into 120-volt AC power at a full-hookup campground and run the fridge on its 120-volt AC setting, you can also check for proper AC input voltage.

Use a hand-held multimeter or a designated voltage tester, such as a Good Governor (available at Camping World and RV

supply stores everywhere) to test voltage. It should be between 110 volts for the best refrigerator operation.

If not, switch to propane to reach a campground with a propane supply.

A few tools, some simple and step-by-step checks can help diagnose and eliminate some refrigerator problems, and help food and beverages cool and

Infiniti's third Q model a real charmer

BY MATT NAUMAN
KINGSTON RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

The new 2002 Infiniti Q45 is a wonderful car — a fast, fulfilling luxury sedan that's stocked with high-tech toys.

One wonders, though, if anyone will notice. After all, this is Infiniti's third try at getting it right. And while BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Lexus have firm positions in the minds of luxury-car shoppers and both Audi and Acura have come far in recent years, too, Infiniti lags behind.

The first-generation Q that arrived in 1989 was a strong combination of muscle and emotion. But it wasn't what the buying public wanted in a Japanese luxury car. The Lexus LS 400 was.

The second-generation Q that arrived in 1996 as a 1997 model traded its soul for sales. Only the predicted sales boom didn't arise as potential buyers shunned its smaller cabin, tinier trunk and weaker engine. In 2000, Infiniti dealers sold fewer than 350 Q45s a month, while Lexus dealers sold more than 1,300 LS models monthly.

The third-generation Q arriving in showrooms now shows Infiniti is back on the right path.

Power comes from a 4.5-liter, 32-valve, double-overhead-cam V-8. Infiniti lists performance numbers of 340 horsepower and 333 foot-pounds of torque. (The same size V-8 in the first Q made 278 horsepower, by the way.) Those numbers are superior to the immediate competition.

On the road, this is a serious quick car. The week I spent behind the wheel was one where I was constantly checking the speedometer and tapping the brake to avoid legal unpleasantness.

The ride and handling are excellent because of the car's tighter body and improved suspension. The '02 Q has all manner of safety and driver-improvement systems as well.

The designers of the Q45 made a lot of right decisions. Its classy, conservative, somewhat aggressive look puts it right in step with Lexus and Mercedes. But the details, such as the seven-lens high-intensity discharge headlights and the large grille, give it a contemporary touch.

The interior of the new Q45 is superior. The car is wider and taller than the previous model, so it feels more spacious. Rear-seat passengers will get a treat — comfortable leather seats that recline and slide forward.

Gauges are easy to read. I especially like the elegant chrome around the cassette tape opening. It was almost enough to get me to put away my CDs.

In the middle of the dash, there's a driver information system with a seven-inch LCD screen that's used for navigation, climate and audio functions. All of these can be controlled with the touch of one button on the steering wheel and the human voice. This voice-recognition system worked nearly flawlessly, as long as I remembered

the proper wording of my commands. Want to switch radio stations? No problem. Need to turn down the air conditioning? That's easy.

I was a little disappointed, though, that I couldn't direct the navigation system to plot a course to a destination simply by using my voice. And, over all, I found the Infiniti navigation system a little less user-friendly than some others I've tried recently.

Besides the voice-recognition system, the other neat gadget on the Q45 that I drove was the rear-view monitor system. Simply slip the transmission into reverse, and a small camera that's next to the car's rear license plate shows you what's behind. The picture is displayed on the LCD screen. White lines superimposed on the screen tell you how close you are to something.

It's very neat, although a beep or some other sound that gets louder as you get closer to something would be a nice complement.

At \$50,500, the new 2002 Q45 has a listed base price that's a little cheaper than a 2001 BMW 540i sedan and a little cheaper than either a 2001 Lexus LS 430 sedan or a 2001 Mercedes-Benz E430 sedan. All are rear-wheel-drive, V-8-powered sedans. That's the kind of aggressive pricing that has made the Acura TL such a hit in the near-luxury segment.

Maybe it'll work for Infiniti with the new Q45. It better, or this Q, while easily the best Q, likely will be the last Q.

New ventures in automotive world combine resources

LOS ANGELES TIMES

It is an ever-shrinking world. DaimlerChrysler, which used to be Germany's Daimler-Benz and North America's Chrysler Corp., now owns a 37 percent controlling share of Japan's Mitsubishi Mo-

tors Corp. and has a 10 percent stake in South Korea's Hyundai Motor Co.

As a result, DaimlerChrysler executives say they are:

■ Developing a 10-year plan to integrate support services for the Mercedes-

Benz, Chrysler and Mitsubishi brands to be able to share parts distribution, dealer services, logistics and salary payments across the group.

■ Discussing a plan to jointly develop front-wheel-drive compact car platforms

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Modest Toyota Avalon An engineering coup

BY EVEN COLE SMITH
ORLANDO SENTINEL

There is any doubt that Toyota is remarkably resourceful. Just look at the products from one basic plant.

Toyota Camry — the top-selling car, though edged out last year by the Honda Accord — is the base. The Toyota Highlander, the Toyota Sienna, the Toyota Solara and convertible, the RX300 sport ute, the ES300 sedan and the Avalon, a full-sized

That's about 2.5 inches longer than the Camry, although both cars ride on a 107.1-inch wheelbase.

But through some marvel of packaging, the Avalon feels like a much bigger car.

The Avalon's interior volume, which translates to headroom, elbow room and legroom, is 121.5 cubic feet, while the Camry's is 118.4 cubic feet. That doesn't sound like much, but it seems as if it is.

It's all in how the space is used. The Avalon has 40.1 inches of rear legroom; the Camry has 37.8 inches.

A 6-footer can sit behind another 6-footer, and still have three inches of room between the rear-seat passenger's knees and the back of the front seat.

That may not sound like a lot, but it means you can stretch out, cross your legs, and generally enjoy the trip, rather than feel wedged in.

There are other areas where the Avalon feels roomier, when it really isn't. But that sensation of feeling roomier is enough.

The test car had five-passenger seating, but get the front bench seat, and you can



seat six.

On the road, though, the Avalon doesn't feel much different from a Camry sedan.

The XLS test car — slightly more deluxe than the standard XL model — weighs 3,439 pounds, about 67 pounds more than a comparable Camry.

But the Avalon's suspension feels softer, and although it rides smoothly, it doesn't corner as sharply.

The Avalon comes standard with 15-inch tires and wheels, although the test car had optional 16-inchers.

On a car this size, 16-inchers should be standard, with 17-inchers optional. Avalons with 15-inch tires and wheels look woefully underdressed.

Otherwise, given its mission, the Avalon leaves little to be desired.

The 3.0-liter, 215-horsepower V6 has plenty of punch, and is sewing-machine smooth and quiet. The four-speed automatic transmission is nicely matched to the engine.

The XLS has a full roster of safety equipment, including four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, front and side air bags, remote locking and an alarm.

Options on the test car included a power moonroof (\$900 well spent) and a premium package (\$1,670) that offers leather seat trim, the bigger wheels and tires, an upgraded JBL stereo with six-disc CD changer, and memory settings for the mirrors and driver's seat.

Mats for the inside and the trunk were \$199. Bottom line with transportation: \$32,501.70.

That isn't cheap, but it is reasonable.

The Avalon is everything the Camry is, and a little more.

2002 AVALON
XLS comes with a full roster of safety equipment is longer and heavier than a comparable Camry.

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the vehicle manufacturer's recommendations. It's not necessary to change oil intervals.

The petroleum companies who make the products advise that you follow the oil change intervals recommended for your engine when it was driven out of the show-

room. If you have babied your vehicle, the oil change intervals can be extended. This deterioration can unleash the sequence of events — most of them bad — that may affect engine performance.

New products are designed to correct these conditions and keep a range of oil change intervals from aging too fast.

One of the new oils is MaxLife from Valvoline. It was developed at the company's research laboratories.

Valvoline says the oil is especially designed for use in the 64 percent of light vehicles that have been driven more than 100 miles.

John Stotz, lubricant marketing manager for Valvoline, says MaxLife has double the amount of proprietary seal conditioners, anti-oxidants, detergents and anti-wear additives found in the conventional lubricants for newer engines.

"The valve train is the main thing we target," Stotz says. MaxLife is designed to slow the wear of rings and cam lifters.

The seal conditioners are formulated to counteract the adverse effects of heating and cooling of the engine. Seals get brittle over time when subjected to countless engine starts and shutdowns.

Thom Smith, Valvoline's technical director, says the conditioners revitalize the seals, helping prevent gases from escaping from the combustion chamber and getting into the oil.

If the burned gases get into the oil they can break down the lubricant, rendering it less effective.

Valvoline stops short of saying that MaxLife will extend engine life, but Stotz claims the lubricant will help slow engine aging and bring the vehicle more in line with its original condition.

He won't reveal independently verified

data attesting to the longer life and improved performance with MaxLife.

Instead, he passes along anecdotal testimonials from customers, 30 percent of whom report improved performance and lower oil consumption.

Stotz says 75 percent of motorists who use the product return to it for the next oil change.

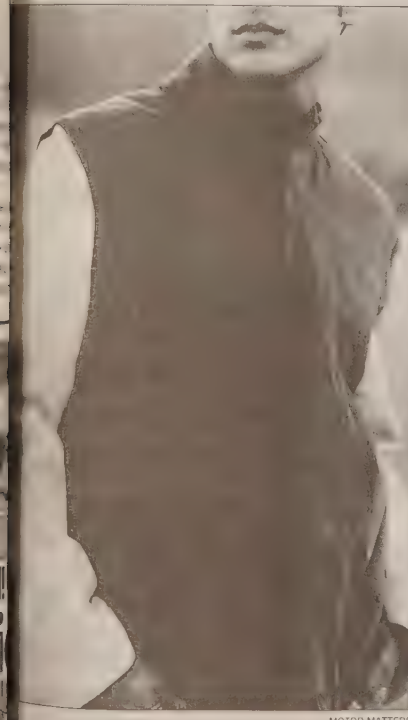
Pennzoil and Quaker State have also introduced oils for engines that have been in use for more than 75,000 miles.

Kristin Stewart, brand manager for Pennzoil's High Mileage Vehicle oil, says the product contains numerous products designed to counter many symptoms of older engines.

Pennzoil claims its oil can prevent piston rings from sticking, a condition that might lead to thickening of the lubricant.

The aging engine oils are available in all engine service designations, such as American Petroleum Institute's SJ, SH and SG categories.

Consult your owner's manual for the appropriate designation specifically recommended for your vehicle.



Keane on Wheels

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engine. It produces 181 horsepower, which is much better than the standard 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine in my previous tester.

That engine produced only 149 horsepower. The smaller engine was a bit weak.

The Shifttronic automatic transmission offers better performance. By moving the shifter to the right, I am able to remain in a gear, upshift or downshift with ease.

It's unusual to find this sophisticated feature in a sport utility in this price range.

The doors on this SUV open wide, allowing passengers easy entry and exit. The rear seat has plenty of legroom and three can sit comfortably.

The rear deck lid opens to 30 cubic feet of storage area, and although the retractable cargo screen conceals the contents, it doesn't quite cover the entire area.

The rear seats have a 60/40 split back which can be lowered in case additional cargo space is needed.

My tester has an AM/FM radio plus a CD player. The sound is quite acceptable, and the buttons and dials are very user-friendly.

This sport utility vehicle's car-like ride is what I most enjoy.

The seats are comfortable, the ride is solid and the GLS handles quite well — for a sport utility.

However, because the vehicle sits a bit taller on the road, it leans in a hard turn.

HYUNDAI SANTA FE GLS	
Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, four-door SUV
Suggested Retail	\$19,599
Price as Tested	\$20,779
Engine Type	DOHC 24-valve, 2.4 liter V6
Horsepower	181 at 6,000 rpm
Torque	177 at 4,000 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Wheelbase	103 inches
Turning Circle	(curb-to-curb) 37 feet
Curb Weight	3,549 pounds
Fuel Capacity	17 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 19/25
Strong Feature	Price
Weak Feature	Nothing worth mentioning

Presto expands on demand

NEWSDAY

From Switzerland comes an experimental car that expands when more room is needed. Rinspeed Design showed the "Presto" at the Geneva Motor show earlier this year.

What makes it unique is the ability of its body to telescope, increasing the vehicle's length from 118.1 inches to 147.2 inches (8.5 inches shorter than a Mazda Miata).

The increase allows two more passengers to ride in foldup seats in what had been a two-seater. Or it creates more cargo room.

It's powered by a 1.7-liter, four-cylinder turbo diesel engine that runs on a 40-60 mix of natural gas and diesel fuel and delivers 120 horsepower.

The body is made of plastic composite.

Mini Cooper offers fashions

motor gear: One of the smallest cars on the market, has inspired a line of clothing including hats, T-shirts and jackets.

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Thunderbird recall: Ford is recalling 16,500 Thunderbirds because of a safety concern.

The driver seat belt latch was partially cut after the car was subjected to a 35 mph crash.

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No consumer complaints have been filed.

Owners are being notified by letter of where to take their vehicle for repairs.

Mid-year upgrades: After carefully considering input from customers, Hyundai has announced several revisions to the 2002 Santa Fe sport utility vehicle.

Among some of the mid-year changes are larger air conditioning vents, the new availability of an optional power sunroof, illuminated power window switches and glove box, gas-charged struts for the hood, and an easier-to-use mechanism for reclining and folding the rear seat.

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GM weighs being Century name-dropper

BY JIM MATEJA
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — What is GM to do? The good news is that in the recent J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study, the Buick Century was rated the No. 1 vehicle in the premium mid-size segment for having the fewest problems in the first 90 days of ownership.

The perhaps not-so-good news is that the Century is scheduled to

go away in the 2004 model year, when the Regal/Century become the Regal built off a new platform shared with the '04 Pontiac Grand Prix and Chevrolet Malibu.

The No. 1 ranking has Buick officials wondering whether they should salvage the Century name.

"There's now some debate about that," sources said.

Rick Wagoner, GM president and chief executive, however, noted,

"There's been no decision about keeping the Century name, but keeping two names would be tough."

In the Power study of initial customer satisfaction, GM scored third overall among the seven major automakers, behind Toyota and Honda, the first time a domestic automaker ranked in the top three in the 16 years Power has conducted the study.

What does that mean for GM?

"It takes away the reasons why not to buy a GM vehicle," Wagoner said, beaming, which is what Toyota and Honda are saying, too.

Ranier for new SUV

As for names, while Ranier was the choice for the upcoming '03 Buick sport-utility derived from the Oldsmobile Bravada platform, a name from the past was considered

but didn't make the cut — Roadmaster.

Ranier was chosen, Buick officials said, because it was attractive to two sets of consumers, those who associated it with the royal family in Monaco and those who associated it with the mountain in Washington state.

Daring to buy Hummer

At the Hummer preview, Marc Hernandez, marketing director for Hummer, was asked who is the target buyer for one of his \$50,000 sport-utes.

"Anyone with \$50,000 to spend,"

was the quick reply, adding,

"Our research shows that buyers will be those who say a sense of daring and a sense of adventure."

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trepreneurs what made them said, 'Because a 200,000 shares of a company on margin.'"

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Chrysler improves quality issues, but image still lags

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

Folks at Chrysler are frustrated. The quality of their cars, trucks and sport utilities improved immensely. They can prove it by various data. But they are stumped as to how to convince buyers that it's so.

Chrysler's own survey, consumers of Toyota, Honda and Volkswagen, respectively, as having the best quality. They lumped Chrysler, Ford and General Motors together far down the list. "We've got to pull out of this," said Don Chrysler vice president of quality. The short-term objective is to have our quality far exceed GM and Ford and our pull away from them. Longer term, the objective for quality is Toyota."

The most recent J. D. Power and Associates 2002 Initial Quality Study released in May, Chrysler posted a 10-percent year-over-year gain in overall quality for a third year. Dodge and Chrysler minivans led a 25-percent gain, surpassing all other vehicles plus Honda's Odyssey.

Following an industry trend, Chrysler's redesigned products showed quality improvements over the vehicles they replaced. Normally, when an automaker replaces an old product, the new design slumps in quality, at least initially.

Chrysler was the case with Toyota's Camry. However, Chrysler's 2002 Jeep Liberty and Dodge Ram showed significant improvements over the models they replaced. (Hyundai and Mitsubishi, both of which are DaimlerChrysler, were the only automakers to similarly buck the trend, in its April issue, Consumer Research magazine rated 71 percent of Chrysler's vehicle models as average or better in reliability after three years. A prerequisite for the publication is a "buy" recommendation. Ward's, the true measure of quality but often held secret of every automaker, dropped dramatically in incidence of defects, as well as dollars, according to Chrysler.

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Automakers sow seeds of discontent

BY JIM MATEJA
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Wonder why automakers make standard equipment optional?

You give away free a lot of content, but we will take it, but when you delete content and tell people they have to pay for it, they don't miss what you took away. Rick Aneiros, Chrysler vice president of design.

What might they not miss? "Some won't turn on boards," Aneiros said.

General Motors, consumers will be disappointed not to miss locking glove boxes, seats, floor mats and cargo nets in models, said Jayce Stokes, product manager for the Pontiac Grand Am.

Stokes said, "It comes down to 'nice to have' vs. 'have.'"

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Stokes said, "It comes down to 'nice to have' vs. 'have.'"

Will or not to build

Chrysler Group this month will decide if any of this year's concepts — Jeep Compass, Jeep Willys2, Dodge M80 and Ram — it will build.

Decision will be based on a business case for each that will be presented to management.

Business case details the investment and the number of vehicles to be built over how many years, and whether there are periodic updates or a limited run for years, said Chrysler's Aneiros.

Chrysler did a business case about a year ago for the Chrysler Crossfire (sports coupe) that included updates to keep it current, he said.

Chrysler knows Crossfire won't have a limited run.

Chrysler did the same for the Dodge Viper, a life cycle with different models and updates (coming this fall for '03)," he said.

Chrysler never did a business case for the Plymouth Prowler. Everyone fell in love with the Prowler concept and wanted to produce it, but there never was a plan to bring it to market. That will never happen," he said of the car that bowed in 1997 model year and ceased production in February of this year.

Chrysler insiders say they are in the planning for production are the Jeep Compass and Willys2. "We're exploring other kinds of Jeeps, a lot more than we've explored," Aneiros said, though he didn't say if they are Jeep concepts.

The idea is to ensure quality, speed up product development, reduce costs and achieve economies of scale.

Chrysler executives confess the number of parts used in its vehicles became embarrassingly large. For instance, 15 different fuel pumps went into Chrysler models. The number is down to 10; the goal is three.

Parts and vehicles undergo more rigid testing. Reliability testing for transmissions and powertrains is doubling to 200,000 miles. Tests performed are also more stringent, such as at more extreme temperatures.

Chrysler has instituted a test for failure, which identifies the weakest link in a component. The company is also negotiating agreements with its parts suppliers to make them more accountable for quality problems.

Chrysler has put into place a program that trains employees to be trouble-shooting experts who ferret root causes of problems.

Chrysler gathers all parts returned from dealers for warranty repairs at a new facility near its headquarters. Parts are examined to determine why they failed, to identify patterns of failures and develop fixes.

The facility also houses a dealership-like operation, which services Chrysler's corporate fleet of 18,000 vehicles. While oil is changed and routine service is done, technicians go over the vehicles to monitor quality and durability over the miles.

While Chrysler spreads the word about the quality improvements and takes further steps to boost quality, it is considering other measures to convince consumers it has high quality.

The Powertrain Pledge, a powertrain warranty for seven year/100,000-miles offered on some vehicles this model year, may be extended to more models, acknowledged Rick Schaum, Chrysler executive vice president of product development and quality.

"It's not sufficient just to arrive there. You have to have people believe it. And there's no better way to get them to believe it than to stand behind it," he said.

But, he acknowledged, "This is a journey — one that never ends. There is no silver bullet, just basic blocking and tackling every day."



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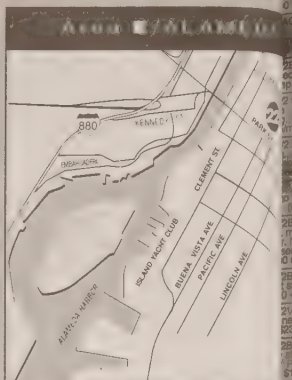
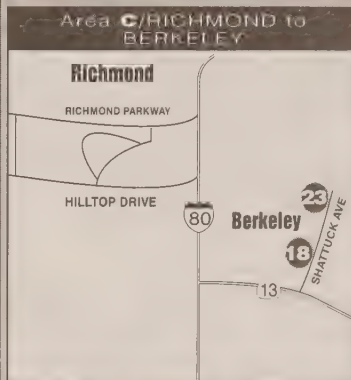
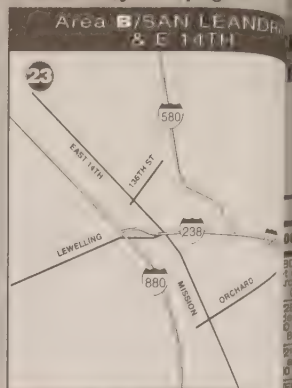
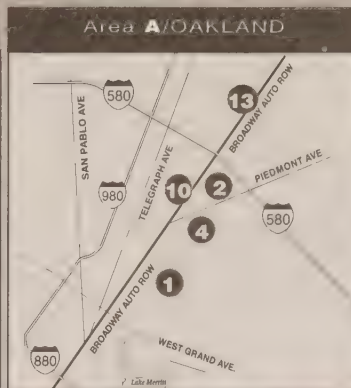
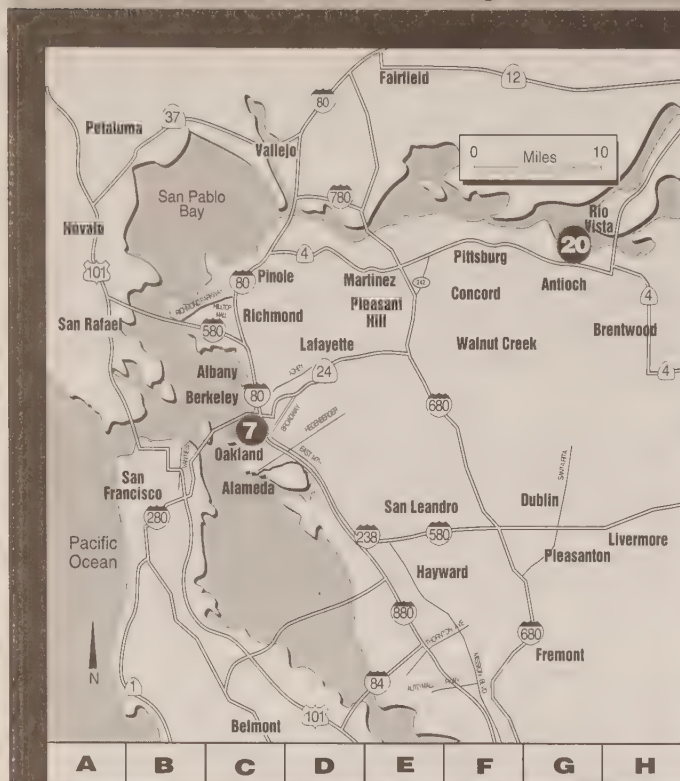
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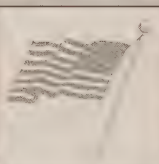
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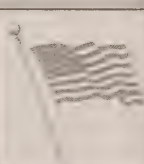


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cups flour
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teaspoon baking powder
teaspoon salt
cups heavy (whipping) cream
teaspoon melted butter (op-

cup fresh blueberries
cup blueberry or other fruit
cup sweetened whipped
or whipped topping
Heat oven to 400 F. Spray a
square baking pan with non-
stick spray.
In a medium-sized bowl, combine
milk, baking powder and salt.
Whisk cream to form a dough.
Spoon evenly on the bottom
pan. Bake until the top is
brown, about 18 minutes; if
brush the top with butter af-
ter 10 minutes.

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8 servings.

BERRY-APPLE FROSTY
Is fresh or slightly thawed
blueberries
1/2 cup apple juice
1/2 cup frozen vanilla yogurt or ice
1/2 cup milk
1/2 spoon ground cinnamon
In a container of a food proces-
sor, place blueberries, ap-
ple juice, yogurt, milk and cinnamon;

whirl until smooth. Serve immediately.
Makes 4 servings (about 4 cups).

BLUEBERRY-STUFFED FRENCH TOAST

Cooking spray
6 eggs
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
2/3 cup orange juice
3 tablespoons sugar, divided
Pinch salt, optional
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
(thawed and drained, if frozen)
8 slices (1-1/4 inches thick) Italian bread
1/3 cup sliced almonds
Blueberry Orange Sauce (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 400 F. Spray a large baking sheet with cooking spray.

In a medium bowl beat eggs, peel, juice, 2 tablespoons of the sugar and the salt until well blended. Pour into a 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan; set aside.

In a small bowl combine blueberries and the remaining 1 tablespoon sugar; set aside. With the tip of a sharp knife, cut a 1-1/2-inch wide pocket in the side of each bread slice.

Fill pockets with reserved blueberry mixture, dividing evenly. Place filled slices in egg mixture.

Let stand, turning once, until egg mixture is absorbed, about 5 minutes on each side. Arrange bread on prepared baking sheet; sprinkle with almonds. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes, turning slices after 10 minutes. Serve with Blueberry Orange Sauce.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

BLUEBERRY ORANGE SAUCE

3 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/8 teaspoon salt, optional
1/4 cup orange juice
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
1 cup orange sections (about 2
oranges)

In a cup combine sugar, cornstarch and salt; set aside. In a small saucepan bring orange juice and 1/4 cup water to a boil. Add blueberries

Return to a boil; cook until liquid is released from fruit, about 2 minutes. Stir in sugar mixture; cook, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens, 1 to 2 minutes.
Makes approximately 2 cups.

BERRY BLUE SMOOTHIE

- 2 cups fresh or slightly thawed frozen blueberries
- 1 container (8 ounces) lowfat vanilla yogurt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 can (8 ounces) unsweetened pineapple juice
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1-1/2 cups ice cubes (about 16 cubes)

In the container of an electric blender container, place blueberries, yogurt, milk, pineapple juice and honey; whirl until smooth. Add ice cubes, a few at a time, whirl until finely crushed. Serve immediately.

BLUEBERRY TARTS

- 3 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, divided
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen puff pastry shells, baked, or 6 packaged individual graham cracker tart shells

In 1-quart microwaveable bowl, toss 1 cup blueberries with sugar and cornstarch until well combined. Stir in water. Microwave on HIGH (100% POWER)* for 3 minutes. Stir well, crushing blueberries. Microwave on HIGH for 3 minutes longer; stir well. Microwave on HIGH until thickened, about 2 minutes.

Stir in lemon juice and remaining 2 cups of blueberries. Cover and chill, if desired.

To serve, divide filling among the 6 pastry or tart shells; garnish with whipped cream, if desired.

Makes 6 tarts; 2 1/2 cups filling
*Note: Tested in a 625 watt microwave oven *Recipes from the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Association.*



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The dish on summer fish: How to buy 'em, grill 'em and eat 'em

BY APRIL ADAMSON
KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

With summer upon us, thoughts turn to dining outside for weekend parties, weeknight dinners and even last-minute lunches.

While most cooks can throw burgers, hot dogs, steaks or chicken on the grill without flinching, fish daunts even the grill pro.

Some cooks dread the filets that quickly flake and fall apart, or the flimsy fish baskets that just don't seem to stay locked. But properly grilled, salmon, swordfish and tuna make light summer dinners, perfect accompaniments for grilled vegeta-

bles, chilled white wines and fruity desserts.

Here we walk through the grill process with Striped Bass (Philadelphia) Executive Chef Terence Feury, from choosing a fish to eating the heavenly creations.

For best results, use a fish spatula, not a barbecue fork or tongs, which can puncture or break fish.

Choose the perfect fish

Four fish perfect for the grill and currently in plentiful supply are swordfish, salmon and tuna steaks or filets, and sea scallops.

Fish must be fresh when it goes

on the grill. Fish that is less than fresh will easily break apart, or smell "fishy." While most supermarkets sell fresh fish, Feury suggests you make your purchase at a store "that just sells fish."

"If it's what they do for a living, the fish should be good," he said.

Prep the fish and get it on the grill

Use either a charcoal or gas grill for fish. Feury prefers charcoal because it "imparts more flavor into the fish." To grill per-person portions, Feury works with 7-ounce pieces, each about an inch and a half thick.

Once you're ready:

- Lightly brush the fish with a generous amount of olive or canola oil and place on a piping hot grill (about 450 degrees). Oil keeps it from drying out.

- With the lid still open, grill the fish for 45 seconds. Rotate it 45 degrees while it grills on the same side for another 45 seconds. (This accomplishes those attractive, X-shaped hatch markings on the steak or filet.)

- Flip the steak over and season with salt and pepper.

- Repeat the two-step grill-marking process on the second side, then

flip again and season with salt and pepper.

Cooking fish to perfection

- One of the benefits of buying absolutely fresh seafood is being able to cook it to medium doneness. To do this, make the grill markings on the fish, then lay a bed of fresh fennel stalks, banana leaves or leek stalks on the grill. Place the fish atop the greens to impart even more flavor.

- Close the lid and let fish cook an additional 3 minutes for rare, 5 minutes for medium and about 8 minutes for well done. Check on it

often; at this stage, it cooks quickly.

- Serve as desired, with salsas, marinades or grillables.



GRILLED RED SNAPPER
A teriyaki and wasabi served with grilled vegetables.

COLE'S COOKING A TO Z

Cutting through the corn kernels

BY ANNETTE GOOCH
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Fresh sweet corn, like vine-ripened tomatoes, is worth waiting for until it's in season, then being enjoyed with abandon. The plump white, yellow or two-tone kernels make satisfying, versatile summer fare, including soups, salads, side dishes and relishes.

Almost every corn dish other than grilled corn in the husk requires cutting the kernels from the cob. Start by husking and remov-

ing the silk, using your fingers or a corn silk brush. Holding an ear of corn stalk end down on a chopping board, use a small, sharp knife to slice down through the rows, removing the top two-thirds of the kernels. Avoid cutting too close to the cob. Then use the dull edge of the knife to scrape the portion of the kernels still attached to the cob, letting the remaining juices and pulp fall into a bowl.

While cutting the kernels with a knife can be tedious, the right tool does the job in a fraction of the time. A corn cutter, a gadget consisting of a sharp fixed blade and trough of plastic, metal or wood, shears kernels cleanly from the cob. Some cutters, as well as scrapers or creamers, are designed to shred the kernels so that they give up only their creamy pulp. These and other inexpensive, must-have tools for corn cookery are sold in cookware

shops, through mail-order and Web-based sources, and at many country stores.

Success tip: Trimming the stalk end of an ear of corn creates a flat base that makes it easier to hold the ear upright on the work surface as the kernels are being cut.

CORN AND RED PEPPER SOUP

4 ears fresh corn, husks and silk removed
4 medium green onions
2 tablespoons butter or olive oil
1 large red bell pepper, diced
3 cups milk or equal parts milk and chicken stock
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1. Remove kernels from the ears, using a sharp knife or corn cutter. Place kernels into bowl. Use the flat side of knife blade to scrape cobs, squeezing out the milky juice

from the base of the kernels; add to kernels in bowl. Puree half the kernels in a food processor; return to bowl of cut kernels. Slice white and pale green parts of the green onions, reserving some of the green tops for garnish.

2. Heat butter in a large saucepan. Add green onion and pepper, and cook over moderate heat until soft but not brown. Add corn, stir, and cook 2 minutes; add milk; bring soup just to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes. Season to taste and serve, garnished with chopped green onion tops.

Serves 6.
Corn and shrimp soup: Omit red peppers. Substitute 1/4 pound raw shrimp, peeled and roughly chopped.

Corn and green chile soup: Substitute 1 or 2 canned mild green chiles, seeded, for the red pepper.

Garnish soup with cilantro leaves.

Corn and smoked salmon soup: Substitute 1/4 pound boneless smoked salmon or trout, diced or shredded, for the red peppers.

CORN PUDDING

8 to 10 ears fresh sweet corn
3 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 cup half-and-half
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

2 tablespoons melted butter
1/4 cup cornmeal

1. Holding an ear of corn on a flat work surface, slide the tip of a small, very sharp knife down the center of each row of kernels. Work slowly and carefully, cutting all the way through to the cob. Then hold the ear over a large bowl and, with the blunt edge of the blade, scrape down all around, depressing the

kernels and pressing out the pulp.

Or use a corn scraper or grater to expedite the process, with remaining ears to yield 2 cups of pulp.

2. Preheat oven to 350°F. To the corn pulp add the remaining ingredients. Beat until thoroughly blended, then buttered 1 1/2-quart bowl.

3. Set the dish into a water bath; set on over rack; pour water into larger dish to reach about two-thirds up the smaller dish. Bake for 1 1/2 hours, or until no longer trembles when jiggled slightly and a inserted in the center comes clean (about 1 hour to 1 1/2 minutes). Pudding cooked in the oven, with door ajar to 20 minutes before serving. Pudding will sink slightly.

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BY BEVERLY BUNDY
 FROM WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
 I'm back we had a re-
 pineapple cake recipes.
 other, urgent recipes interfered
 getting to that request, but
 some responses that I've
 So here we go.
 In a roundabout way, I sup-
 could say we're running
 for Dole pineapple. A
 months ago I started get-
 and then phone calls
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 wanted me to run "a page
 recipes" to coincide with
 of the Disney movie "Lilo
 Excuse me?
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 had to call and pitch this
 and say these recipes are
 Dole Pineapple.
 The recipe was sent by Mary
 of Justin. The second was
 Garde Prator, from (I just love
 and, Texas.

bowl and mix for 2 minutes.
 Combine remaining ingredients,
 adding eggs one at a time. Stir into
 the flour mixture and mix well. Bake
 in 3 9-inch layer pans at 375 degrees
 for 25-30 minutes.
Pineapple filling:
 2 cups sugar
 1 cup milk
 16-ounce can crushed pineap-
 ple, drained
 1 stick margarine
 Combine sugar and milk in
 saucepan over medium heat. Boil
 until it "drops heavy off spoon."
 Add the pineapple and marg-
 arine. Spread between layers, and
 on top and sides of cake.
 Serves 8-12.

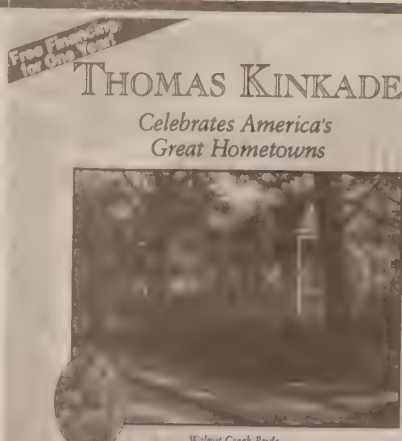
PINEAPPLE POUND CAKE
 1 cup shortening
 2 cups sugar
 4 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/2 teaspoon pineapple extract
 1 teaspoon butter flavoring
 1/2 teaspoon yellow food color-
 ing, optional
 3 cups flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 2/3 cup buttermilk
 1/2 cup crushed pineapple
 1/2 cup chopped pecans
 Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
 Cream shortening and sugar. Add
 eggs, one at a time. Add extracts,
 flavoring and, if using, food coloring.
 Mix well.
 Sift flour, salt, soda and baking
 powder together and add to short-

ening mixture alternately with but-
 termilk. Fold in crushed pineapple
 and pecans. Blend well.
 Pour into 10-inch bundt pan or
 two 8-by-4-inch loaf pans. Bake at
 325 degrees for about 1 hour and
 20 minutes. Don't overbake. Remove
 cake from pan while still hot. Brush
 on icing with pastry brush.
Icing:
 1 cup sugar
 1/2 cup pineapple juice
 1/4 cup crushed pineapple
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 teaspoon pineapple extract
 1/2 butter flavoring
 Combine sugar, pineapple juice,
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 frigerated for filling)
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 4. "The Healthy Kitchen" by Andrew Weil and Rosie Daley
 5. "American Pie" by Pascale Le Draoulec
 6. "30-Minute Meals" by Rachael Ray
 7. "Back to the Table" by Art

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Uses for lemon juice

NAPS!
Lemonade, marinades and salad dressings aren't the only things you can make with that bottle of lemon juice in your refrigerator; it can do a lot more.

The next time life gives you lemons, don't make lemonade. Instead, try some of these handy household cleaning tips and health remedies that have been collected over the years. Some are true, others may be old wives' tales, but they've come down from generation to generation.

Remove blond highlights. Rinse hair with one-quarter cup lemon juice and three-quarter cup water. Repeat by sitting in the sun.

Whiten, brighten, strengthen fingernails. Soak fingernails in lemon juice for 10 minutes, then wash with a mixture of equal parts vinegar and warm water. Rinse

thoroughly of dandruff. Apply one teaspoon lemon juice to your hair. Wash, then rinse with water. Repeat again with a mixture of two teaspoons lemon juice and two cups water. Repeat every other day until dandruff disappears.

Eliminate blackheads. Rub lemon over blackheads before going to bed. Wait until morning to wash the juice with cool water. Repeat for several nights until you see a big improvement in the skin.

Clear up facial blemishes. Dab lemon juice on the blemish a few times a day. After six to eight weeks, blemishes should disappear. The acidity of the juice is enough to peel off the upper layer of skin.

Whiten your teeth. For an occasional whitener for your teeth, mix one teaspoon baking soda with 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice. Apply a dab of this paste to your teeth with a cotton swab. Brush clean with water and rinse. Be careful not to use this too often as lemon juice is acidic and may damage tooth enamel.

Deodorize a cutting board. To remove the smell of onions or fish, wash it with lemon juice.

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Remove fruit/berry stains or garlicky and fishy odors from hands. Rinse hands with lemon juice.

Relieve a cough. Mix four tablespoons ReaLemon, one cup honey and one-half cup olive oil. Heat five minutes, then stir vigorously for two minutes. Take one teaspoon every two hours.

Relieve rough hands or sore feet. Apply lemon juice, rinse, then massage with olive oil.

Write with invisible ink. Use a Q-tip as a pen to write in lemon juice

on a piece of white paper. Once it dries, hold the paper near a hot light bulb. The writing will turn brown.

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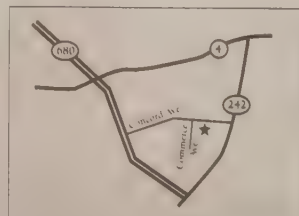
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Located in sunny southern Oregon, Rogue Valley Manor is just such a place. As one of the nation's finest continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs), the Manor offers accommodations, services, amenities, and health care that are unsurpassed. Sitting 310-feet atop the highest hill in Medford, the Manor's 350-acre campus features two multi-story buildings, as well as spacious cottages and a selection of beautiful homes. The central Manor building offers stunning views, gracious apartment living, and the convenience of centralized services under one roof. Quail Point Fairway Cottages, nestled around a nine-hole golf course, offer exceptional amenities such as vaulted ceilings and optional gas fireplaces. Village Cottages, situated in a park-like setting of mature trees, meandering pathways, and exquisite

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Over the years, the Manor has received numerous awards for design excellence, including the Gold Key Award and the NAHB Best of Seniors' Housing Design Award, and it is rated one of the top retirement communities in the nation.

As a CCRC, Rogue Valley Manor offers independent living, residential living, skilled nursing care, and special care for residents with Alzheimer's. In addition to specialized health care services and support that enable seniors to maintain independence and thrive, the Manor offers a wealth of recreational activities and programs. A large indoor pool, computer learning center, in-house TV studio, photo lab, woodshop, craft center, and two fitness centers are among Rogue Valley Manor's extraordinary amenities. Residents also enjoy the convenience of having a boutique, beauty/barber shop, pharmacy, travel agency, and two banks right on campus. And with

more than ninety clubs and special-interest groups meeting regularly, residents keep busy hiking, golfing, gardening, attending theatrical and musical events, and pursuing lifelong learning opportunities at the local university.

This year, Medford itself was rated by Money Magazine as one of the "Best Places to Retire" in the nation, ranking among the top eight cities. The magazine cited several reasons for choosing Medford, including the rich cultural life, plentiful outdoor activities, excellent climate, and great location the city offers. They also noted how friendly the local citizens are and the abundant natural beauty of the Northwest. Forbes magazine has also taken note of Medford, ranking it No. 2 among the best small cities in the US.

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Exercise Is a Fine Idea for Older Adults

no denying the health benefits exercise provides, keeping the body trim to improve morale. Regular exercise can also help older adults in a variety of ways. According to the American College of Family Physicians, the health benefits of exercise for older adults include improvements in blood pressure, diabetes, lipid levels, osteoarthritis, depression, and cognitive function. Regular physical activity is associated with decreased disability and age-related mortality. However, nearly 75 percent of older adults do not exercise to achieve these benefits.

some aerobic exercise receive the greatest health benefits, while further increases in activity bring progressively smaller improvements. Any exercise should be sustained for a combined total of at least 30 minutes, most days of the week. Individual bursts of activity may be as brief as 10 minutes.



performed two to three times per week, can greatly improve muscle mass loss. Each repetition should be performed slowly through a full range of motion while avoiding holding one's breath. The training program should involve all major muscle groups.

BALANCE AND FLEXIBILITY

Stretch major muscle groups after exercise when muscles are more compliant, once per day. Try balance and weight transfer programs twice per week, including one-leg stands, circle turns, heel stands and closed-eye exercises.

STRENGTH TRAINING Muscle strength declines by 15 percent per decade after age 50 and 30 percent per decade after age 70, according to the American College of Sports Medicine. This is principally the result of sarcopenia (loss of muscle mass) and occurs to a greater degree in older women than men. A single set of 10 to 15 repetitions using eight to ten different exercises,

and for seniors to achieve improved health should be an increase in components of exercise: activity, strength, and balance and flexibility. Motivating seniors to exercise is best achieved by focusing on dual patient goals, removing barriers to exercise.

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Seventy-million Americans will be age 65 and older by 2030. The massive pool of retirees is expected to put a significant strain on Medicaid and other healthcare programs. That might mean less government money will be available for people who need it.

That's significant, considering nearly 45 percent of Americans 65+ are expected to spend time in a nursing home in their lifetime-at a current average cost of \$50,000 a year. To cover these expenses, experts recommend looking into long-term care insurance.

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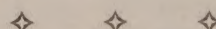
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WAFSI-An estimated 3.9 million of the approximately 75 million baby boomers in America are looking to vision aids to make living with vision problems easier. Vision Care Professionals say the group represents a unique demographic because many of them do not have serious eye problems, but are experiencing reduced or diminished vision. This can make some daily activities ranging from reading books to signing checks more difficult. To help make their daily routines easier, many boomers now use a variety of products and magnifiers. These visual aids can range from magnifying glasses to watches with large numbers-all of which can help people live well, despite their less than perfect vision. If you've been eyeing the possibility of seeing better with help of such devices,



here are a few hints that may help:

- Remember, the optical properties of lenses dictate that the higher power magnification comes at the expense of a smaller diameter and a reduced field of view.
- When reading with help from a magnifying glass, be sure the overhead lighting is strong enough for sufficient contrast.
- Consider keeping several magnifiers in strategic locations around your house, office, in your car and in your purse.
- You may need different magnifications for different tasks.

These tips come from the experts on low-vision enhancement at Optelec, makers of a variety of devices to help people see their way clear to better vision. The company suggests you see your eye care professional regularly. For more information visit www.optelec.com or call 1-800-828-1056. A number of baby boomers are focusing on practical ways to deal with vision problems.

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Enhancing Personal Growth In A Retirement Community

"But I'm not ready to live in a retirement residence!"
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Opportunity for Service
Many older people also see their later years as an opportunity to give back what they were given. They are more altruistic than their younger counterparts, and they want to contribute their services and expertise to a society which they think needs their help. But, at the same time, they want to relax while continuing to grow intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally.

Growing in a Community
A retirement residence can be the ideal community to enhance personal enrichment and growth, while the staff takes care of the daily chores. The combination of opportunities for activities and enrichment and the daily provides a living environment that is conducive for the older adult who no longer want to expend physical energy on cleaning, shopping, cooking, yardwork, and maintenance, but want to reserve that time and energy for enjoyable activities alone, or with others, and for personal development. **Choice, Autonomy, Empowerment**
People who want to feel they are masters of their fate. Older adults have a greater diversity of interest and talents than younger counterparts. They definitely need a wide range of choice that reflects this diversity. In communities that believe in and implement this philosophy, the quality of life

is, in fact, enhanced, enriched, and more rewarding, bringing more meaning to one's life.

A Community to Set the Example

An example of a retirement community that values their residents' growth is Byron Park in Walnut Creek. Not only are the traditional services graciously provided, but there are diverse opportunities for recreational, cultural, educational, and spiritual growth. Residents' ages range from 62 to 95 years of age, with a vast diversity of interests, backgrounds and talents. A variety of programs, ranging from water aerobics in the pool, exercise rooms and classes, seminars on health, financial, and business interests, to seminars on history, current events, and specialized focuses of interest. Most retirement residences provide opportunities for travel, whether they are day trips, a group trip to Hawaii, scenic drives, art classes, craft classes, musical programs, or special monthly and holiday events.

Community Involvement
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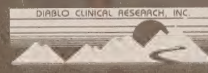


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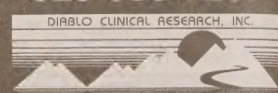
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